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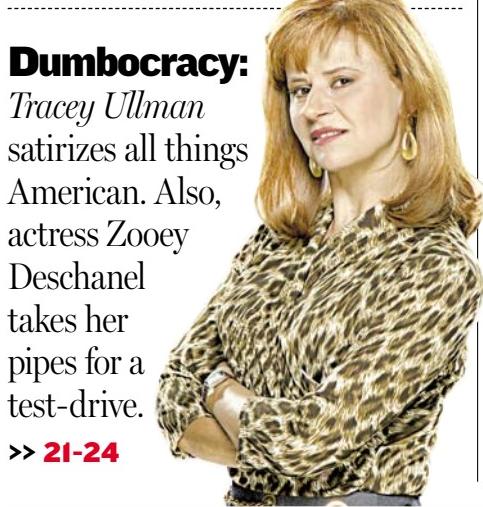
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ENTERTAINMENT



A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME

INSIDE: A guide to the Nationals' new stadium



America's Pastime Opens in Japan

ROOTING INTEREST: Japanese baseball fans cheer on the action Wednesday in Major League Baseball's season opener between the Boston Red Sox and Oakland A's in Tokyo. Japanese star Daisuke Matsuzaka started and countryman Hideki Okajima got the win in Boston's 6-5 victory.

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Al-Sadr's Militia on Offensive

Iraq cease-fire in doubt as cleric's supporters join fight

BAGHDAD | Iraq's leaders faced their gravest challenge in months Tuesday as Shiite militiamen loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr battled for control of the southern oil capital, fought U.S. and Iraqi troops in Baghdad and unleashed rockets on the Green Zone.

Armed Mahdi Army militiamen appeared on some Baghdad streets for the first time in more than six months, as al-Sadr's followers announced a nationwide campaign of strikes and demonstrations to protest a government crackdown on their movement. U.S. and Iraqi troops backed by helicopters fought Shiite militiamen in Baghdad's Sadr City after the local office of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Dawa Party came under attack.

The burgeoning crisis has major implications for the U.S. An escalation could unravel the cease-fire al-Sadr proclaimed last August. A resumption of fighting by his militia could kill more U.S. soldiers and threaten the security gains Washington has hailed as a sign that Iraq is on the road to recovery. (AP)



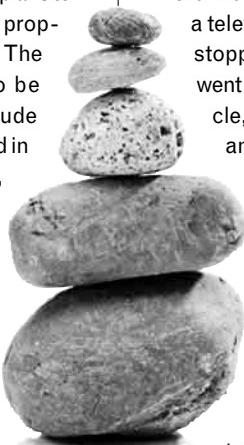
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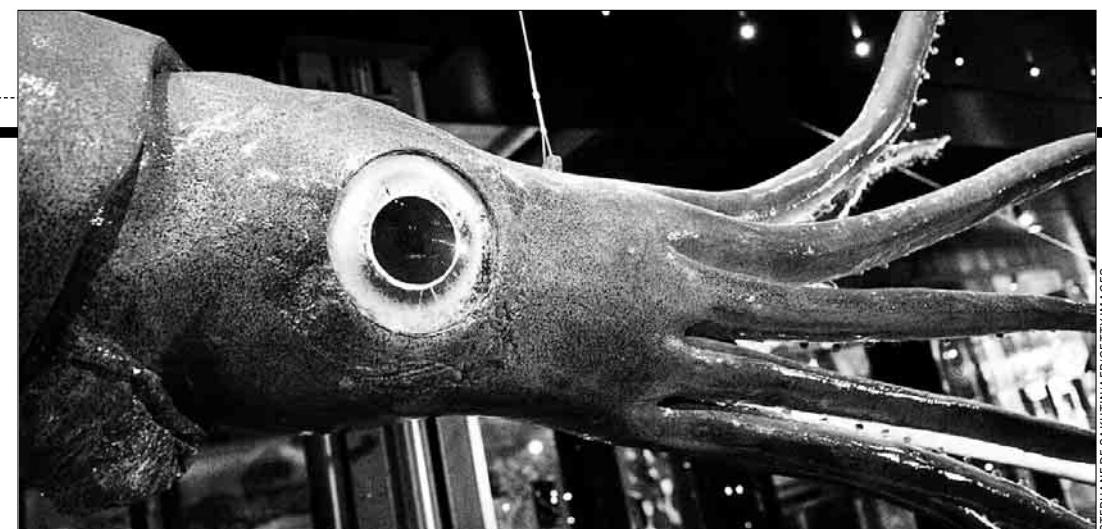
Pagans and druids, mark your calendars. An Australian entrepreneur hopes to open a Stonehenge replica by the Dec. 21 solstice, just in time for New Age revelers. "I'm doing it because I can," said Ross Smith, who plans to build the monument on his property in Western Australia. The \$1.26 million project, to be called the Henge, will include 101 granite stones arranged in an inner and an outer circle, and a central altar, and will span 110 feet. Unlike the original, guests will be encouraged to touch and play around the new monument, which will also have an interpretive center and a children's playground. (AP)



LOCATIONS

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A Jackson County, Ark., man remained in jail Monday after he drove two cars into a post office. Sheriff Gary Tribble said Glenn Irvin Sparling, 65, drove one vehicle into the post office on Sunday, then fled the scene. The sheriff told a television station that the car stopped running. So, Sparling went home and got another vehicle, a red antique sports car, and started driving back to the post office. A deputy spotted him and gave chase; the pursuit ended when Sparling ran the second car into the post office building. The sheriff said Sparling had a history of damaging postal buildings. (AP)



STEPHANE DE SAKUTIN/AF/GETTY IMAGES

APPETIZERS

Giant Vat of Marinara Nearby

We thought "calamari" was just what you called cooked octopus (kind of like a calf isn't veal until you eat it). We were wrong. This is a giant "Architeuthis sanctipauli" calamari. It can be seen at France's National Museum of Natural History in Paris. It is neither cooked nor raw — it's plastinated, a process that dehydrates the creature and replaces its fluids with plastic resin, to produce an insanely disturbing object kids and tourists are sure to love. (EXPRESS)

GUTTERS

He Needed a Place To Keep His Mind

Police have charged a Plainfield, Conn., man with larceny for allegedly stealing

a copper gutter from a church during Easter services. Paul Bissonnette is accused of removing about 30 feet of the gutter as nearly 200 parishioners attended an Easter vigil service at All Hallows Church. Authorities say Bis-

sonnette quickly folded up the gutter and walked away with it. A police dog tracked the 44-year-old to his house, where he was arrested and charged with sixth-degree larceny and third-degree criminal mischief. (AP)

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SHAVED SERVING: The owner of Jude's Barbershops in Grand Rapids, Mich., will continue offering haircuts and shaves, but no more free beer. The Michigan attorney general's office says the shops cannot give brews to customers without a liquor license.

Nation

In Brief



A fallen piece of a crane is lifted from the roof of a house Tuesday in Miami.

MIAMI

Crane at High-Rise Project Collapses, Killing 2 Workers

A crane collapsed Tuesday at the construction site of a high-rise condominium, killing two workers, injuring four and smashing into a home that the contractor had been using as an office, police said. An initial survey by rescue workers and dogs found no evidence of victims trapped at the site of the 40-plus-story luxury condo tower on Biscayne Bay, said Miami police spokesman Delrish Moss. Officials were unsure how the crane fell. (AP)

GALVESTON, TEXAS

Man Convicted of Putting Daughter in a Microwave

A young father was convicted Tuesday of badly injuring his infant daughter by putting her in a hotel microwave for 10 to 20 seconds, with jurors rejecting his claim that he was insane at the time. Jurors deliberated about four hours before finding 20-year-old Joshua Mauldin guilty of felony injury to a child. (AP)

Pentagon Reveals Errant Shipment

Military accidentally sent ballistic missile parts to Taiwan in '06

WASHINGTON | The accidental shipment of electrical fuses for an intercontinental ballistic missile to Taiwan raised concerns Tuesday for U.S.-China relations and triggered a broad investigation into the security of Pentagon weapons.

China vehemently opposes U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. Four of the cone-shaped fuses were shipped

DELICATE ISSUE

→ Taiwan, which split from China amid civil war in 1949, is the most sensitive issue in U.S.-China relations. Chinese officials repeatedly complained about U.S. arms sales to Taiwan during meetings with Defense Secretary Robert Gates in Beijing last fall. The U.S. insists it provides only weapons that would allow Taiwan to defend itself.

to Taiwanese officials in fall 2006 instead of the helicopter batteries they had ordered.

Despite quarterly checks of the inventory, defense officials said they never knew the fuses were gone. Only after months of discussions with Taiwan over the missing batteries did the Pentagon finally realize the gravity of what had happened.

Once the error was discovered, the military quickly recovered the four fuses. How it happened, and whether the incident constitutes a

violation of any treaty or agreement governing sales of missile technology, were lingering questions.

At a hastily called news conference Tuesday, Ryan Henry, the No. 2 policy official in Defense Secretary Robert Gates' office, said President Bush and Chinese leaders were informed of the mistake — an error Henry called intolerable.

"I can not emphasize forcefully enough how strong the secretary feels about this matter and how disconcerting it is to him," Henry told reporters. LOLITA C. BALDOR (AP)

Part of Antarctic Ice Shelf Collapses

Scientist says global warming is to blame for the rapid melting

WASHINGTON | A chunk of Antarctic ice about seven times the size of Manhattan suddenly collapsed, putting an even greater portion of glacial ice at risk, scientists said Tuesday.

Satellite images show the runaway disintegration of a 160-square-mile chunk in western Antarctica that started Feb. 28. It was the edge of the Wilkins ice shelf and has been there for hundreds of years or maybe 1,500 years.

This is the result of global warming, said British Antarctic Survey scientist David Vaughan.

Because scientists noticed sat-



This image from the British Antarctic Society shows part of the Wilkins ice shelf on the Southwest Antarctic Peninsula as it began to break apart on March 6.

elite images within hours, they diverted satellite cameras and even flew an airplane over the collapse

for rare pictures and video. "It's an event we don't get to see very often," said Ted Scambos, lead

scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colo. "The cracks fill with water and slice off and topple. ... That gets to be a runaway situation."

While icebergs naturally break away from the mainland, collapses like this are unusual but have happened more frequently in recent decades, Vaughan said. The collapse is similar to what happens to hardened glass when it is smashed with a hammer, he said.

The rest of the Wilkins ice shelf, which is about the size of Connecticut, is holding on by a narrow beam of thin ice. Scientists worry that it, too, may collapse.

Vaughan had predicted the Wilkins shelf would collapse about 15 years from now. The part that recently gave way makes up about 4 percent of the overall shelf, but it's an important part that can trigger further collapse. SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)

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POWER COUPLE: This could make for one odd family reunion: Barack Obama is a distant cousin of actor Brad Pitt, and Hillary Rodham Clinton is related to Pitt's girlfriend, Angelina Jolie, according to researchers at the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Passenger Rights Law Overturned

Federal court says N.Y. cannot force airlines to take care of fliers

NEW YORK | A federal appeals court Tuesday struck down a state law requiring airlines to provide food, water, clean toilets and fresh air to passengers stuck in delayed planes, saying the measure was well-intentioned but stepped on federal authority.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said New York's law — the first of its kind in the country — interferes with federal law governing the price, route or service of an air carrier.

The law was passed after thousands of passengers were stranded aboard airplanes for up to 10 hours on several JetBlue Airways flights



JetBlue Airways passengers wait for flights at New York's Kennedy Airport on Feb. 15, 2007. New York passed a passenger rights bill after the JetBlue delays.

at Kennedy International Airport on Valentine's Day last year. They complained they were deprived of food and water and that toilets overflowed. A month later, hundreds more passengers of other airlines

were stranded aboard planes at JFK after a daylong ice storm.

The court said that while the goals of the law were "laudable" and the circumstances prompting its adoption "deplorable," only the federal government has the authority to pass such regulations.

Assemblyman Michael Gianaris, the prime sponsor of the New York Airline Passenger Bill of Rights, said in a statement that the ruling "is a disappointment to anyone who has suffered at the hands of airlines that care more about profits than their customers."

"This is far from over," the Democrat said. Options for proponents of the law include an appeal, a new law or putting pressure on the federal government to create similar rules for long-delayed flights.

LARRY NEUMEISTER (AP)

Detroit Mayor Pleads Not Guilty In Affair Scandal

DETROIT | Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former top aide pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges they lied under oath about having an affair. The mayor and former Chief of Staff Christine Beatty appeared for separate hearings in the scandal that is threatening to prematurely end Kilpatrick's second term.

District Court Magistrate Steve Lockhart entered not-guilty pleas for each of them on charges of perjury, conspiracy, obstruction of justice and misconduct in office. Both were released on personal bonds.

The two are accused of lying under oath about an affair and their roles in the firing of a top police official. Attorneys for Kilpatrick and Beatty have said their clients will be exonerated. (AP)

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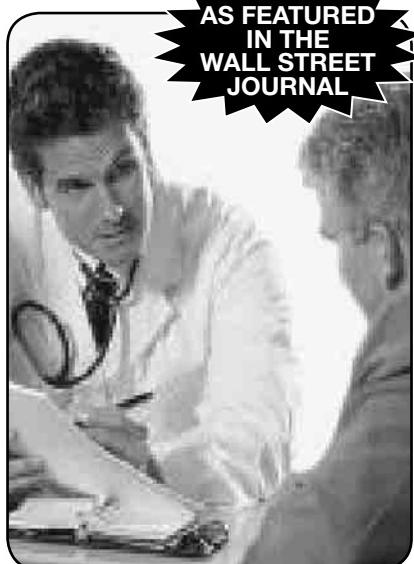
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Disaster Cover-Ups Alleged

Critics say engineering group ignored design flaws in structures

NEW ORLEANS | The professional organization for engineers who build the nation's roads, dams and bridges has been accused by fellow engineers of covering up catastrophic design flaws while investigating national disasters.

After the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center and the levee failures caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the federal government paid the American Society of Civil Engineers to investigate what went wrong.

Critics now accuse the group of covering up engineering mistakes, downplaying the need to alter building standards, and using the investigations to protect engineers and government agencies from lawsuits.

Similar accusations arose after both disasters, but the most recent allegations have pressured the orga-



Edward M. DePaola, a civil engineer with the American Society of Civil Engineers, stands next to support beams he said had been under the World Trade Center.

nization to convene an independent panel to investigate.

The panel is expected to issue a report by the end of April and may recommend the society stop taking money from government agencies for disaster investigations.

In the World Trade Center case, critics contend the engineering soci-

ety wrongly concluded skyscrapers cannot withstand getting hit by airplanes. In the hurricane investigation, it was accused of suggesting that the power of the storm was as big a problem as the poorly designed levees.

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APPENDAGE THEFT: A Finnish tourist faces a prison term and a fine after allegedly breaking a piece of volcanic rock from one of the massive Moai statues on Easter Island. Marko Kulju, 26, is accused of breaking part of an ear from one of the ancient statues.

World

U.S. Ship Fires at Egyptians in Suez

Egyptians claim man was killed by shots; Navy denies casualty

SUEZ, EGYPT | Dozens of mourners buried an Egyptian man Tuesday who they said was killed by shots fired from an American cargo ship contracted to the U.S. Navy as it passed through the Suez Canal.

U.S. officials said American military guards aboard the ship fired only warning shots toward

approaching motorboats Monday night and said they had received no report of anyone's being killed.

The incident occurred when the merchant ship Global Patriot entered the Suez Canal and was approached by small motorboats selling goods, according to both Egyptian and U.S. reports.

The Navy has been leery of small boats getting near its warships since al-Qaeda suicide attackers rammed an explosives-packed motorboat into the USS Cole off Yemen, kill-



A man fishes in the Suez Canal as the Global Patriot ship passes on Tuesday.

ing 17 sailors in 2000.

In Monday's incident, the boats "were hailed and warned by a native Arabic speaker using a bullhorn to warn them to turn away. A warning flare was then fired," the U.S. Embassy in Cairo said in a statement. "One small boat continued to approach the ship and received two sets of warning shots. ... All shots were accounted for as they entered the water."

The Navy said that it was investigating the case. NASSER NASSER (AP)

Saudi King Urges Dialogue Among Religious Reps

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | The Saudi king made an impassioned plea for dialogue among Muslims, Christians and Jews — the first such

proposal from a nation with no diplomatic ties to Israel and a ban on non-Muslim religious services and symbols.

King Abdullah's message was welcomed by religious leaders.

"The idea is to ask representatives of all monotheistic religions to sit together with their brothers in faith and sincerity to all religions, as we all believe in the same God," the king said Monday.

The call — the first of its kind by an Arab leader — was significant. The monarch is the custodian of Islam's two holiest shrines, a position that lends him special influence. (AP)



DHARMSALA, INDIA | TIBETANS BEGIN THEIR OWN TORCH RELAY



GURINDER OSANJAP

OLYMPIC PROTEST: Members of the Tibetan Youth Congress carry a torch in Dharamsala, India, Tuesday to highlight Tibetans' plight under Chinese rule. Organizers said their relay would stop at locations on five continents, including the U.S. The relay is slated to finish in Lhasa, Tibet's capital, on Aug. 8 — the day of the Olympics' opening ceremonies.

Sarkozy Hints at Olympic Boycott

PARIS | French President Nicolas Sarkozy suggested Tuesday that a boycott of the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics was a possibility. Sarkozy is the first world leader to raise the prospect of punishing China for its crackdown in Tibet.

The U.S., Britain and Germany all condemned China for using force against Tibetan protesters

but stopped short of threatening to boycott the games or the Aug. 8 opening ceremony.

Sarkozy, who had faced rising criticism in France for his relative silence on the issue, couched his comments cautiously: He made it clear that skipping the ceremony was one of several possible French responses to violence in Tibet.

"Our Chinese friends must understand the worldwide concern that there is about the question of Tibet, and I will adapt my response to the evolutions in the situation that will come, I hope, as rapidly as possible," he said.

When asked whether he supported a boycott, Sarkozy said he could "not close the door to any possibility." Sarkozy's aides said he was talking only about the opening ceremony. (AP)

HEARSAY | CHINA'S TIBET POLICY



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In Brief

MINSK, BELARUS

Thousands Protest Against Ban on Belarusian Holiday

Police beat demonstrators with truncheons and hauled them into waiting trucks Tuesday as thousands of opposition protesters turned out in defiance of a government ban on a Belarusian holiday. President Alexander Lukashenko's government had vowed to prevent any rallies marking what the opposition has traditionally called "Freedom Day." March 25 is the anniversary of the 1918 declaration of the first independent Belarusian state. (AP)

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

13-Day Rancher and Farmer Protest to Last 'Indefinitely'

Argentine ranchers and farmers waged their biggest strike in decades against new tax increases for the 13th consecutive day Tuesday. Scattered shops began emptying beef, milk, chicken and cooking oil Tuesday as farm workers mounted the most serious challenge yet to the fledgling government of President Cristina Fernandez. Farm protest organizers said Tuesday that the strike would continue "indefinitely." (AP)

BEIRUT, LEBANON

Lebanon Won't Participate In Arab Summit in Syria

Lebanon will not participate in this weekend's Arab summit in Syria to protest alleged attempts by Damascus to block the Lebanese parliament from electing a new president, Lebanon's information minister said Tuesday. Information Minister Ghazi Aridi said Tuesday that Lebanon could not attend the Arab summit without a president. (AP)

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World

STICK IT TO 'EM: Japan will urge citizens to reuse chopsticks instead of using disposable ones and to stop using plastic bags in efforts to more than halve the garbage it produces by 2015.



Sharif

Former PM Sharif says new leaders will revisit counterterrorism plans

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | A key figure in Pakistan's new government told two top U.S. envoys on Tuesday there needs to be a change in President Pervez Musharraf's policy of using the power of the army against Islamic militants.

The call came as a new prime minister, Yousaf Raza Gilani, took office, closing the book on eight years of military rule.

President Bush phoned Gilani

after his swearing-in and invited him to Washington at his convenience. Gilani's office said the new premier vowed Pakistan would "continue to fight terrorism."

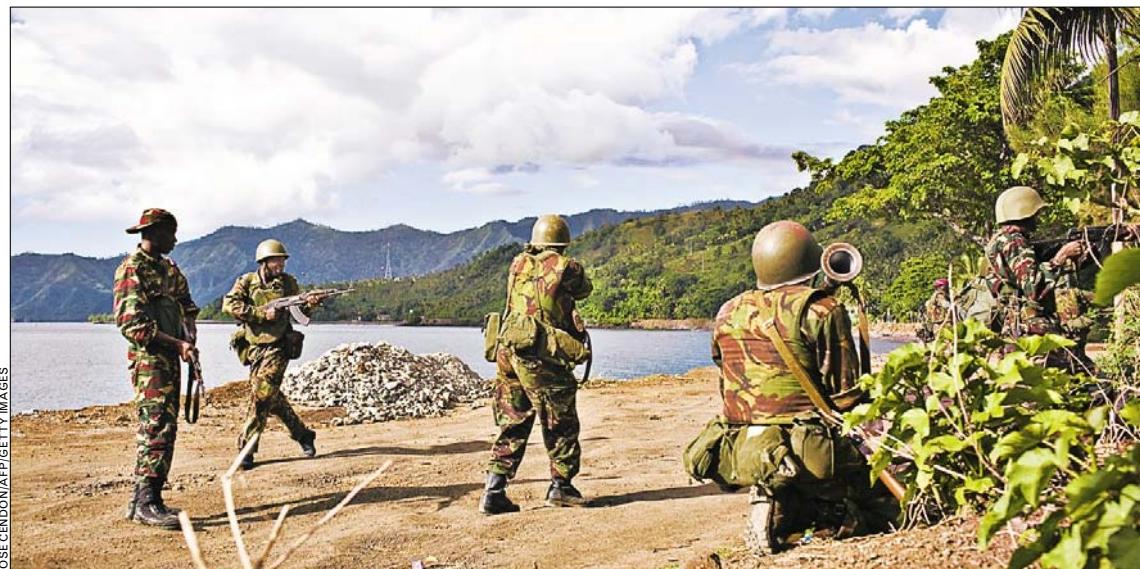
But it was clear Pakistan's rulers are re-thinking counterterrorism strategy, amid concern that the use of force against al-Qaeda and Taliban provoked a backlash.

Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said he told Deputy Sec-

retary of State John Negroponte and Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Richard Boucher Tuesday that there was "no longer a one-man show in Pakistan" and that the new parliament would decide after exhaustive debate how Pakistan should approach Islamic extremism.

He lashed out at Musharraf's U.S.-backed policies, saying Pakistan must not be sacrificed to protect other countries.

"It is unacceptable that while giving peace to the world we make our own country a killing field," he said. MATTHEW PENNINGTON (AP)



Soldiers patrol in Mutsamudu, Comoros, during a search for a renegade colonel seeking independence for Anjouan island.

Comoros Seizes Rebel-Held Island

Fighting continues as government hunts for renegade colonel

ANJOUAN, COMOROS | The Comoros government seized control of the capital of a rebel-held island off the southeast coast of Africa, but sporadic fighting persisted as troops flushed out pockets of resistance and searched for the renegade colonel who is seeking the island's independence.

Explosions and gunfire started before dawn as hundreds of troops backed by the African Union moved in. There was no official word on

casualties, but an Associated Press reporter saw an elderly man being carried after he apparently was hit in the hip with a stray bullet. Two African Union soldiers also appeared to have minor injuries.

Renegade Col. Mohamed Bacar, who seized power in Anjouan in 2001 and stayed in power after an illegal election last year, has drawn strident warnings from the government and the African Union. Dosara said troops were searching for Bacar, who has said he is seeking the island's independence.

One Comoros officer said government forces arrested three "high-ranking officers" loyal to Bacar.



→ Turbulent history:

The Comoros—an archipelago of three main islands with a population of about 750,000—has experienced a series of coups and political upheavals since gaining independence from France in 1975.

Inside the capital, gunshots rang out into the afternoon, though crowds were able to walk through the streets. JEROME DELAY (AP)



ECO-FRIENDLY HIP-HOP: The Roots will headline the April 20 D.C. Earth Day festival, one of eight U.S. festivals planned for the day. Other free events will be staged at parks in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami and San Francisco. The concert will be held on the National Mall.

Local

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KEVIN CLARK/TWP

BLESS OUR HOME: Bhaskar Sastry, seated, leads a housewarming ceremony March 16 in Stoneridge, Va. Sastry is a freelance Hindu priest.

♦ **Weekend warrior:** Basry's time off takes him all over the region for baby-naming services, engagements and blessings for new cars. | Today's Metro

Substance Discovered in D.C. Home

WASHINGTON | District of Columbia authorities say they will analyze a substance recovered from a Northwest Washington home where a dead man was found.

D.C. police spokesman Junis Fletcher says an elderly white male

was found dead, and the suspicious substance was recovered from a container. He says the substance will be tested. Thirteen people, including 11 fire personnel, were taken to hospitals as a precaution after the material was found. (AP)

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Va. Tech Families Divided

Relatives of shooting victims undecided on \$100K settlement plan

RICHMOND, VA. | Those close to the victims of the Virginia Tech mass shootings offered mixed reactions Tuesday to a proposed multimillion-dollar state settlement and whether it would properly honor their loved ones.

Families of the victims have until Monday to say whether they'll accept the settlement, which would give \$100,000 to representatives of each of the 32 killed and ensures that families will have the chance to talk to the governor and university officials about the shootings.

Under the proposal, \$800,000 would be available to injured victims.

Roger O'Dell, whose son Derek was among two dozen wounded

DISCLOSURE CONFUSION
The U.S. Department of Education has proposed new mental-health information release regulations:

→ Ada Meloy, general counsel for the American Council on Education, said: "The changes that are proposed in the regulations provide additional assurance that colleges and universities acting in good faith can disclose information from education records in health and safety emergency situations to parents and to others who have a reason to need to know."

April 16, said that while he considers the proposal a very reasonable offer, he is concerned about how the money would be split among the survivors. The proposal states only that the money would be distributed "based on a matrix accept-

able to the commonwealth, with a maximum payment of \$100,000 to any individual."

"I'm inclined to believe this will not be settled by April 15th," O'Dell said. "I think there are too many question marks in the proposed offer."

Twenty-two families have filed notice with the state that they may sue. They have until April 16 to file. Families of all deceased victims and the survivors would be eligible for a payout under the settlement.

In exchange for accepting the proposal, family members would give up the right to sue the state government, Virginia Tech, the town of Blacksburg — where Virginia Tech is located — Montgomery County and the New River Valley Community Services Board, which provides mental-health services in the area.

KRISTEN GELINEAU AND SUE LINDSEY (AP)

The Lotteries

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	8-2-7
Mid-day DC 4	2-0-9-4
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Mid-day Pick 4	3-7-0-9
Evening Pick 4	4-6-9-7
Match 5	I-13-31-33-36 Bonus: 14

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	2-8-6
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	I-3-2
Mid-day Pick 4	7-8-0-4
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"It is not the duty of government to bail out and reward those who act irresponsibly, whether they are big banks or small borrowers."

—John McCain, in a speech about the nation's mortgage crisis Tuesday in Santa Ana, Calif.

Money

Home Prices Continue To Plunge in U.S. Cities

Formerly hot markets of Las Vegas, Miami see biggest decline

NEW YORK | Home prices in many cities continued to plunge by record levels in January as sellers cut their asking bids and rising foreclosures took their toll, new data showed Tuesday.

While the spring selling season usually gives the market a bounce, some analysts say any notable improvement may not come until well into the summer. U.S. home prices fell 10.7 percent in January, and the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index of 20 cities saw the steepest decline in the index's two-decade history.

Worst-hit were Las Vegas and Miami, both reporting 19.3 percent drops, as the regions are still paying

the price for rampant speculation and overbuilding during the boom years. Those cities and 14 others, including Phoenix and Detroit, posted record lows.

"I wouldn't be looking for a pattern of improvement until April, May or June," said Brian Bethune, Global Insight's chief U.S. economist. Only Charlotte, N.C., squeaked by as a gainer in the index, with a 1.8 percent rise in January compared to a year earlier. VINNIE TONG (AP)

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The number of cities, out of 20, in the S&P index that recorded their single biggest monthly price decline.

Only Charlotte, N.C., squeaked by as a gainer in the index, with a 1.8 percent rise in January compared to a year earlier. VINNIE TONG (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
HuttingBld	3.00	+.83	+38.2
MoneyGrm	2.33	+.55	+30.9
Chspk	4.81	+.99	+25.9
ExprsJet	2.77	+.51	+22.6
Indymac	6.33	+1.15	+22.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Borders	5.99	-1.26	-17.4
IrwinFin	6.36	-1.34	-17.4
Symmetry If	16.14	-2.47	-13.3
DoralFns	20.24	-2.18	-9.7
Fairchild If	2.30	-.20	-8.0

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.25	5.25
Fed Funds close	2.19	2.25
3-month disc	1.27	0.92
2-year	1.74	1.58
10-year	3.48	3.45
30-year	4.29	4.33

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
OriginAg	6.54	+.82	+38.6
DaytonSup	3.10	+.67	+27.6
TrnWent	3.96	+.79	+24.9
BioSante	3.24	+.63	+24.1
Iomai	1.62	.11	+7.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SIRF Tch	4.93	-1.96	-28.4
AmericasBk	2.00	-.56	-21.9
Neurgn	2.29	-.42	-15.5
CentrilBcp	17.60	-3.11	-15.0
Constar	2.35	-.41	-14.9

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5000	.5040	.5098
Canadian Dollar	1.0167	1.0184	1.1609
European Euro	.6412	.6486	.7524
Japanese Yen	101.01	101.01	118.05
Mexican Peso	10.6838	10.6952	11.0109
Taiwanese Dollar	30.12	30.21	33.13

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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ClearChan	32.56	-.89	-5.7
Comcast	20.54	+.33	+12.5
Comc spcl	20.04	+.28	+10.6
DirectTV	25.08	-.22	+8.5
DishNetwk	29.26	+.28	-13.8
Disney	32.08	+.04	-.6
McGrW H	38.70	-.07	-11.7
NewsCpA	19.14	+.18	-6.6
NewsCpB	19.39	+.27	-8.8
Omnicom s	44.91	+.71	-5.5
Thomson	35.56	-1.13	-12.7
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TimeWarn	14.89	+.27	-9.8
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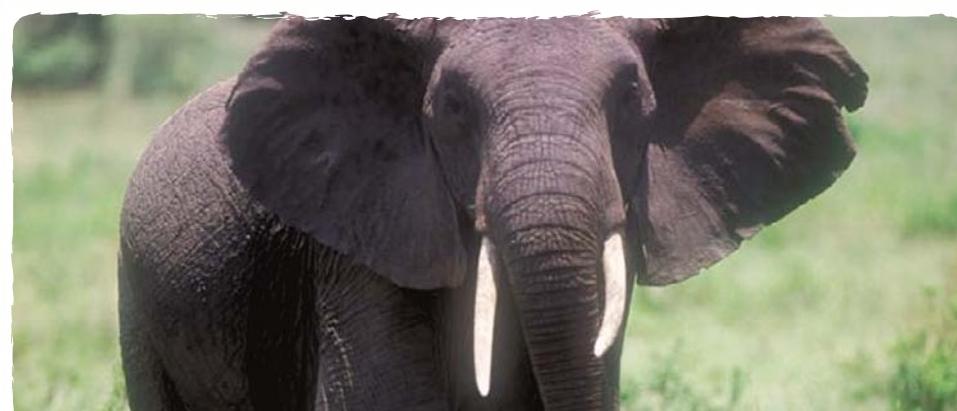
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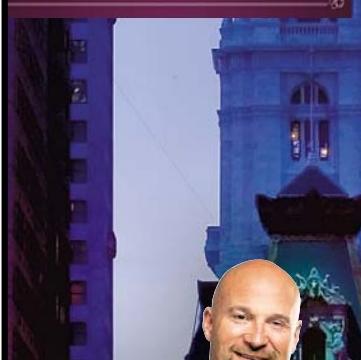


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Travel



LONG RUNS: Thanks to 25 percent more snow than average, Aspen Highlands in Colorado will stay open until April 27, making it the fourth area to announce an extended season this year.

Crack an Egg on Your Head

Let the confetti drip down at San Antonio's Fiesta in late April

FESTIVALS | In late April, tiny pastel bits of a giant San Antonio party show up everywhere: trickling from your hair, embedded in the carpet under your desk, stuck to your furniture. The confetti comes from an egg that was cracked over your head by a mischievous friend or relative, and it's inescapable.

Not that anyone is really trying to escape. Cascarones, as the eggs are called, have become part of San Antonio's 117-year-old city-wide party called Fiesta.

For 10 days starting April 18, this city will host parades, open-air concerts and festivals that return this fast-growing big city to its roots as a small town that has always been equal parts Texan and Mexican. (Cascarones — pronounced kas-kah-ROHN'-es — were first a Mexican Easter tradition but have been



ERIC GAY/AP

Dana Kurth, left, and other members of the Fiesta court break Cascarones, confetti-filled eggs, over each other's heads during San Antonio's 2007 Fiesta.

adopted by Fiesta-goers.)

Fiesta includes 100 events that will rack up an attendance count of roughly 3 million, though many attendees will be counted at more

than one event, said Fiesta Commission spokeswoman Anne Keever Cannon. All the events are organized by nonprofits, many as fundraisers to support scholarships or

charitable causes.

Lots of the events — including the parades, a carnival and several music and food festivals held downtown — are free.

While about one-fifth of the people who attend a Fiesta event come from out of town, most Fiesta-goers are locals, and many have been watching parades or attending events for decades. Families tend to crowd the same street corners to watch parades year after year.

"We have people who have been coming to Fiesta events literally for generations," said Cannon.

Fiesta diehards also like to exchange pins or medals shaped like military honors, either handmade or purchased by families for the celebration.

"They run up to any person who wears a crown or wears a sash and says 'I'll give you one if you give me one of yours,'" said Cannon, who has traced the tradition back 60 years.

MICHELLE ROBERTS (AP)

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"Thank God I got some Japanese wood that I could use."

—Manny Ramirez, who found out when he got to the Tokyo ballpark that he couldn't use the red-barreled bat he planned on using because it would distract pitchers.



Sports

Sox Win Opener in Dramatic Fashion

Champs start defense of title by beating the A's in extra innings

BASEBALL | Daisuke Matsuzaka got the Tokyo Dome fans revved up, and Manny Ramirez struck the winning pose.

In the earliest major league opener, the Boston Red Sox got off to a winning start in their World Series title defense.

Ramirez hit his second two-run double in the 10th inning — admiring his drive from the batter's box, thinking it was a three-run homer — and Red Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 6-5 in Tokyo on Tuesday night.

"Ultimately, it was a great ball-game," Matsuzaka said through



Manny Ramirez celebrates his second two-run double, which put the Red Sox up by two in the 10th inning. Boston gave up one run in the bottom of the inning and won 6-5.

MANNY BEING MANNY

In the first game of the year, Manny Ramirez drove in four runs on two hits:

→ After the game, he was presented with an oversize check for 1,000,000 yen, which is worth about \$10,000, for being the MVP of the game. He also gets a laser color printer, which he'll probably auction on eBay.

a translator. "I hope people got a chance to enjoy it live."

A crowd of 44,628, including fans from Boston, cheered at the Tokyo Dome, which hosted baseball's opener for the third time in nine years. It was 6:10 a.m. back in Boston when the season began, and the organizers tried to make it feel like Fenway Park by playing "Sweet Caroline" after the last out.

Ramirez, starting the final guaranteed season of his eight-year contract, hit a game-tying, two-run double in the sixth inning, and rookie Brandon Moss hit an RBI single that gave Boston a 3-2 lead and chased Oakland starter Joe Blanton.

Matsuzaka left after five wild innings and 95 pitches, and Jack Hannahan's two-run homer off Kyle Snyder put Oakland ahead 4-3 lead in the sixth. Moss, playing because J.D. Drew hurt his back in batting practice, hit a solo homer in the ninth off Huston Street (0-1).

Then, in the 10th, Julio Lugo reached on an infield single leading off, Dustin Pedroia sacrificed and David Ortiz was intentionally walked with two outs.

Ramirez hit a drive to deep center and was sure it would be a home run. It wasn't.

"Maybe if I used my American bat that ball maybe would have gone," he said. "I thought I hit it good." HOWARD ULMAN (AP)

GOP Rep. Davis Questions Report Accusing Clemens

BASEBALL | The top Republican on the congressional committee that investigated whether Roger Clemens used performance-enhancing drugs released a report Tuesday questioning the Democratic majority's conclusion that the seven-

time Cy Young Award winner might have lied in his testimony before the panel last month.

The 109-page report, obtained by The Associated Press, contains details Rep. Tom Davis believes could challenge the credibility of Brian McNamee, the personal trainer who testified under oath he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone from 1998-01.

"Did Roger Clemens lie to us?" Davis said in a release accompanying the report. "Some of the evidence seems to say he did; other information suggests he told the truth."

HOWARD FENDRICH AND RONALD BLUM (AP)

Burres Makes His Case for a Job

Pitcher is battling with Albers for the final spot in the rotation

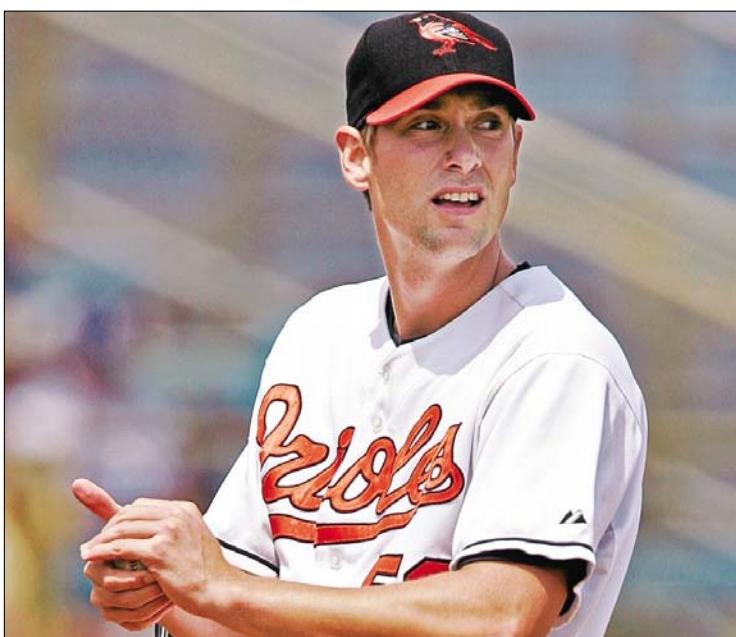
ORIOLES | Locked in a two-man race to be the Baltimore Orioles' fifth starter, Brian Burres picked an opportune time for his most effective outing this spring.

Burres allowed six singles in 5 1/3 scoreless innings, and the Orioles broke a six-game losing streak with an 8-1 victory over the Marlins.

"The timing was good for him to do that," said Baltimore manager Dave Trembley, who earlier in the day announced that Burres and right-hander Matt Albers were the finalists to be the fifth starter. "We got 75 pitches out of him, [and] his tempo was good."

The left-hander started in place of right-hander Jon Leicester, who was scratched from his scheduled outing and sent outright to Triple-A Norfolk on Tuesday morning.

Burres has been getting 1-on-1 instruction from Mike Flanagan, a former Cy Young Award winner who is the Orioles' executive vice president of baseball operations,



Brian Burres threw 5 1/3 scoreless innings in a win over the Marlins on Tuesday.

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and has learned a drop-down curve, which is effective against left-handed hitters.

"It's nice to go out there and have a good outing. I felt really good out there. ... I just want to throw strikes and get ahead," said Burres, who walked none and struck out four. (AP)

Report: Canseco Accuses A-Rod In His New Book

BASEBALL | Jose Canseco says in his new book that he introduced Alex Rodriguez to a steroids distributor and that A-Rod pursued Canseco's wife, according to the Web site of freelance writer Joe Lavin.



Lavin says on the Web site that he obtained the book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and the Battle to Save Baseball," on Monday from a bookstore in Cambridge, Mass. The book is due to be released April 1.

Lavin writes Canseco's book discusses A-Rod, Roger Clemens and Magglio Ordonez. Lavin also says "Canseco claims that A-Rod was trying to sleep with Canseco's wife."

"I really, absolutely, have no reaction," Rodriguez said Tuesday when asked about the claim relating to the steroids distributor. As far as the allegation regarding Canseco's wife, Rodriguez responded: "I don't know how to answer that." (AP)

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MAJOR TEST: Zab Judah wants Sugar Shane Mosley to agree to blood testing before their non-title welterweight fight May 31 in Las Vegas. Mosley admitted that, before a 2003 bout, he took steroids.



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Calipari Calls Foul on Critics

Memphis coach is sick of talking about team’s free-throw shooting

NCAA TOURNEY | The Memphis Tigers have no problems with high-flying dunks. They can knock down jumpers from anywhere on the floor, and most of the players are 3-point threats. Put them at the free-throw line, however, and something happens. The unguarded shot turns out to be the most difficult indeed.

Not that coach John Calipari is worried. That 15-of-32 performance in his Tigers’ 77-74 second-round win over Mississippi State? Just a bad game.

Listen to him Monday, though, and it’s clear he’s tired of critics pointing at his Tigers’ free-throw struggles as the fatal flaw that will stop the top-seeded team in the NCAA South Regional.

“It’s almost to the point of, ‘Do you really even know what my team does well or doesn’t do well?’ Or is it because you don’t know? You just

say, ‘It’s free-throw shooting. That’s all I’m going to talk about,’ ” said Calipari, whose Tigers (35-1) play No. 5 seed Michigan State (27-8) on Friday in the regional semifinal.

Calipari would rather discuss

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The Tigers’ foul shooting woes are nothing new:

→ The Memphis Tigers shot 62 percent as a team last season and 68.2 percent for 2005-2006, a number that dipped to 59.6 percent this season — ranking them 326 out of 328 Division I teams.

the 11 shots his Tigers blocked or their five turnovers against a Mississippi State defense that ranked second in the country in field goal percentage defense. Memphis is in rare company with UCLA as the only teams to reach the Sweet 16 in each of the last three years.

“But everybody, all they want to talk about is our free-throw shooting,” Calipari said. “I don’t know why. I come back to the conclusion that maybe they haven’t seen our team play, nor do they really know, and the easy thing to talk about off the stat sheet is our free throws. Maybe I’m wrong, though.”

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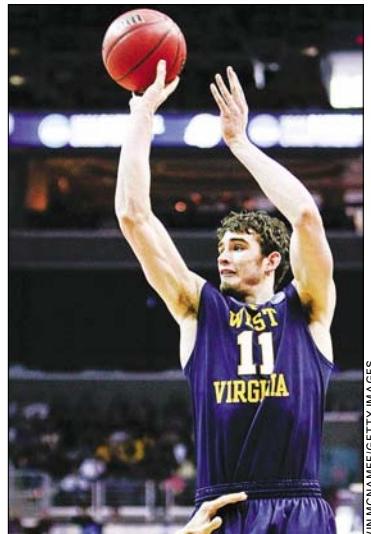
One Who Got Pushed Away

Alexander wasn't well recruited, but he put W.Va. in the Sweet 16

NCAA TOURNEY | Joe Alexander sat in the West Virginia locker room surrounded by dozens of reporters and boxes of pizza. The 6-foot-8 forward had just led his team to a win over Duke in the second round of the NCAA tournament, and someone asked the Maryland native how he got away from his neighboring school.

"Got away?" responded Alexander, who scored 22 points in 40 minutes against Duke and has unquestionably been one of the top stars of this year's tourney. "They didn't even know I existed.... I sent the tapes, but they told me, 'Sorry, you're not our kind of player.' So, I didn't really get away. I was kind of pushed — or shoved."

Alexander is brutally honest. His voicemail says something along the lines of "You can leave a message, but I won't check it for about a



Joe Alexander scored 22 points and played all 40 minutes in a win over Duke.

month," and after beating Duke, he said that "the top six or seven teams [in the Big East] are definitely right on par with Duke." And he makes no attempt to hide the fact that he was disappointed not to be recruited by Maryland.

Coming out of high school, he

wasn't heavily recruited at all. He went to Hargrave Military Academy for an extra year of development, was recruited by a handful of mid-Majors and decided instead to go to West Virginia. Over three years, he has gradually improved, going from 1.3 points per game as a freshman to 10.3 last year, to 16.8 this season, when he was named first team all-Big East.

Last year, he helped West Virginia win the NIT. On Thursday, he will lead the Mountaineers against Xavier in the Sweet 16.

"The biggest turning point was [coach Bob] Huggins' coming here," he said of his development as a player. "But, before that, I've always been athletic, I've always been willing to work hard, and I've always had fundamental offensive and defensive skills — I've thought."

Again with the honesty.
IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

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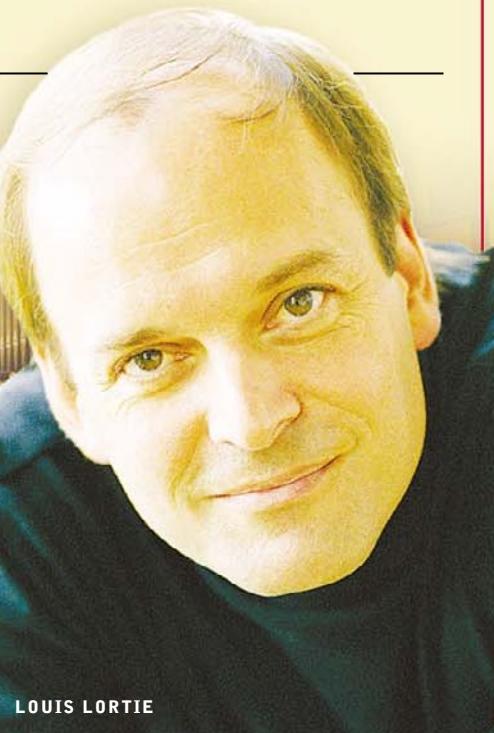
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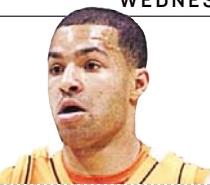
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CHRIS SITS: Tennessee guard and leading scorer Chris Lofton has a minor leg injury but is expected to play Thursday against Louisville. A team spokesman says Lofton wore a walking boot as a precaution while the Vols rested on Monday and was expected to practice on Tuesday.



Sports

Butler Brings Toughness on the Road

Wizards start trip out West with their forward back and playing well

WIZARDS | You must be relentless to win on the road. And no one epitomizes that characteristic on the Wizards like Caron Butler.

While Gilbert Arenas is the team's star and Antawn Jamison is its conscience, Butler is its heart.

The forward's return from a 16-game absence due to a hip injury has rejuvenated a Wizards squad that has been getting by on grit all season. Washington (36-33) had

won five of its last six games heading into last night's contest at Portland. The wins have moved them into fifth place in the East.

"[Butler] gives so much — to have a double-double and the assists and the steals — to make an impact on the game like he did the other night with the wrist that's really in a bad way, means a lot to us," said Wizards coach Eddie Jordan, who said he knew Butler was ready to return in mid-March when he started seeing his trademark "mean look" during practice scrimmages.

Butler's hip has recovered, but he chipped a bone in his wrist in



With Caron Butler back in the lineup, the Wizards have won five of their last six.

the March 13 win over Cleveland. The man they call "Tough Juice" has been playing through the pain and will be a big factor on this crucial trip, on which Washington starts out with three teams — Portland, Seattle and Sacramento — hovering at .500 or below before traveling to play the Lakers and then Utah.

A different Arenas?

With all the political scandals shifting to New York this month, the biggest soap opera in D.C. has become if whether Arenas will return to the lineup.

But once that's settled, a larger

question may be what his on-court attitude will be. If Arenas is to be believed, he'll spend his time on the perimeter looking to set up teammates instead of attacking.

Arenas said he rarely takes the ball to the basket in practice. While Arenas doesn't fly around like Antonio Daniels, the Wizards are used to Arenas' being able to drive to create opportunities. When he returned from his first surgery at the beginning of the season, Arenas' shot distribution wasn't noticeably different, though he did put up fewer 3's (6.5) and field goal attempts (17.6) than he did the last two years. ERIC BRANDNER

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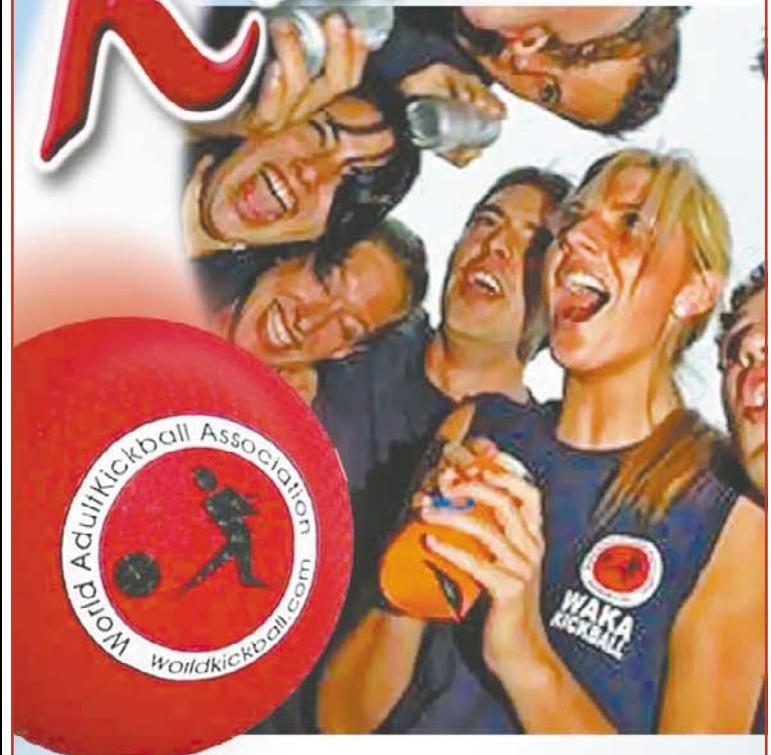
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I've always been an advocate of small, premium cars, such as the Audi A3, the Volvo C30 and the Mini Cooper S. And, over the years, as the 3-series has grown into the fully rigged, gold-plated showboat it is, I have longed for a smaller, lighter, simpler BMW, something along the lines of the old 2002 or even the 318ti that sold in the U.S. from 1995 to 1999.

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Tracey Ullman comes back as a critic on 'State of the Union'

SATIRE | Tracey Ullman prefers pathetic.

"I don't want to be the pretty girl. I just want to dress up and look terrible on TV," Ullman says of the quirky characters she plays on "Tracey Ullman's State of the Union," her new sketch-comedy series on Showtime. "You know, I've always wanted to be the ugly stepsister or the person with the problem."

Styled as a day in the life of America, "State of the Union" takes Ullman from coast to coast in a flurry of fast-flying impersonations..

"The show's title gives me an excuse to take the nation's pulse," says the British-born actress, who became a U.S. citizen in 2006 after living here for more than two decades.

On the "State of the Union" premiere (10 p.m., Sunday), Ullman's cast of characters includes a weary illegal-immigrant worker in Manhattan, political pundit Arianna Huffington, former "Sopranos" star Tony Sirico and Lindsay Lohan's mom.

Upcoming episodes include Ullman's takes on Helen Mirren, Cameron Diaz and Renee Zellweger.

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fondness for a character named Gretchen Pincus, a tacky, teary-eyed, low-rent lady who meets her convict husbands on the Web site deathrowpenpals.com.

"To wear cheap clothes, put in some horrible front teeth with a big gap, smoke 10 cigarettes and, like, just sob — that's heaven on a stick for me," Ullman says.

Ullman broke into U.S. television in 1987 with the award-winning series, "The Tracey Ullman Show," on the then-fledgling Fox network. In the '90s, she starred in specials on HBO, plus the acclaimed sketch-comedy series "Tracey Takes On." She returned to HBO with the 2003 special "Tracey Ullman in the Trailer Tales."

With the move to Showtime, Ullman returns to her unique brand of sociopolitical commentary.

"We've always had a great tradition of political satire in England," says Ullman, who has retained her British citizenship. "Now there's so much more satire in America than when I first moved here."

"I like that Americans can laugh at themselves more. ... And now I want to join in, now that you've got problems," she jokes, referring to the state of the union's economy. "Now, as an American citizen, I can join the discussion and I won't end up in Guantanamo Bay."

KINNEY LITTLEFIELD (AP)

Today's Top Stops

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MASS SHIVERS Drummer Boys



1 Tonight at the Red and the Black, Mass Shivers brings its particular brand of rock 'n' roll to the stage — move over, vocals and guitar, you've had your day. This bangin' group is all about the percussion, so if you're in the mood for a hard and fast beat, head to Northeast. To read an interview with Brett Sova, the band's guitarist, visit us online at Readexpress.com.

→ *The Red and the Black*, 1212 H St. NE; 9 p.m., \$8; 202-399-3201.



ANGELIQUE KIDJO All in One

2 Angelique Kidjo has more musical influences than any other five artists, but her blend of Afro-pop, jazz, Latin, gospel, soul and who knows what else translates into a unique, get-on-your-feet-and-dance aesthetic.

→ *Strathmore*, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, N. Bethesda; 8 p.m., \$18-40; 301-581-5100

'80S PROM NIGHT 'Prom' ... otion

3 Yes, it's a promo for "Prom Night," which looks like it could actually be the worst movie ever made. But, nevertheless, the Onion, Screen Gems and Brightestyoungthings.com invite you to get pretty in pink and rock this prom like it's 1985.

→ *Rock and Roll Hotel*, 1353 H St. NE; 7 p.m., \$5 before 9 p.m. and \$10 after; 202-388-7625. (Union Station)

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Indie darling Zooey Deschanel shows off her vocal chops in "She & Him."

A Painless Crossover

Zooey Deschanel releases an album—and it isn't bad at all

MUSIC | When last we saw Zooey Deschanel sing, she was Will Ferrell's reluctant duet partner in the 2003 movie "Elf." She's been singing off-screen, though, and writing songs and she's good enough at it to have enlisted indie-savant M. Ward as a musical partner. Together, they are She & Him, a duo comfortably

ensconced in the classic sound of '60s pop on their debut, "Volume One."

Featuring 10 originals and three covers (including an unlisted version of "Swing Low, Sweet Charriot"), the album is a showcase for Deschanel's pipes and Ward's clever musical arrangements. Her voice isn't classically pretty, and she sometimes sounds a mite self-conscious — that's no surprise, given that writing songs was a private indulgence she probably never

would have made public without urging from Ward.

Yet she sings with expressive warmth, layering her voice in sweet harmonies on "Sweet Darlin'" and letting it soar just a bit on "This is Not a Test." The two duet on the Beatles' "I Should Have Known Better," turning the song into a vintage beach-country tune with soft percussion.

Not the least among the album's charms is its title: "Volume One" implies there will be a volume two. ERIC R. DANTON



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'Peter and the Wolf' is dark, gloomy and not to be missed

RUSSIA | "Peter and the Wolf" recently won an Academy Award for best animated short. The remarkable half-hour, stop-motion adaptation of Sergei Prokofiev's famous score is featured on tonight's "Great Performances" (8 p.m., PBS).

Composed in 1936, "Peter and the Wolf" has been used for decades in music-education classes to teach children the use of music to tell stories and evoke distinct characters. In this tale, the brave and lonely Peter



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takes on a dangerous forest creature with the help of a loyal duck, a bird and a house cat.

Animator Suzie Templeton set "Peter" not in the Russian forest of myth but a rather squalid version of contemporary post-Soviet society, where the city and the countryside collide in dingy chaos. Peter, the critters and Peter's grandfather are remarkably not pretty. The puppet landscape includes thousands of tiny details, from a ramshackle cabin to an ancient Fiat surrendering slowly to rust.

This gritty realism and the complete absence of dialogue provide "Peter" with an otherworldly atmosphere and surprising charms that viewers won't soon forget. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

NOT A GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR SPRING BREAK: Fox plans to resurrect "Prison Break" for another season, which begs the question: How long can it possibly take these guys to escape? Should the show be renamed "Prison Stay"?



ON TV TONIGHT

ONE DOWN, A MILLION TO GO

A contestant goes home on **AMERICAN IDOL** (9 p.m., Fox).

A SPOONFUL OF SOMETHING

Dad's discipline drives the kids wild on **SUPERNANNY** (9 p.m., ABC).

POOR LITTLE RICH FOLK

AMERICAN GREED (9 p.m., CNBC) looks at scams that target Hollywood celebrities.

SVU'S BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Mac enters a "Second Life" on **CSI: NY** (10 p.m., CBS).



THE FIERCE SHOW: Christian Siriano seeks to abolish all other adjectives.

A HOT MESS

Look for "Project Runway" winner Christian Siriano on **THE LATE, LATE SHOW** (12:37 a.m., CBS), hosted by Craig Ferguson. Pamela Anderson also appears. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WRC (4)	News (N) CC	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Smile"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	Law & Order "Driven" O CC	Law & Order "Driven" O CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	Tonight Show	
WTTG (5)	News (N)	TMZ (N) O CC	The Simpsons O	Seinfeld O CC	The Moment of Truth (N) O CC	(8:58) American Idol Elimination.	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	TMZ O CC		
WJLA (7)	News (N) CC	ABC Wid News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Gillette/Turner" (N) CC	Supernanny "Weinstein Family" CC	Men in Trees (N) O CC	Men in Trees (N) O CC	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	(35) Nightline (N)		
WUSA (9)	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Big Brother 9 Eviction. (S Live) CC	Criminal Minds "Birthright" O CC	CSI: NY "Down the Rabbit Hole" O	CSI: NY "Down the Rabbit Hole" O	News (N) CC	News (N) CC	Late Show		
WDCA (20)	Judge Judy (N) O	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	Whacked Out	Whacked Out	Exposed: Pro Wrestling's Secrets	Every-Raymond	King of the Hill O	King of the Hill O	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Great Performances (N) O CC	Great Performances at the Met "Hansel and Gretel" (Season Premiere) (N)	Great Performances at the Met "Hansel and Gretel" (Season Premiere) (N)	Great Performances at the Met "Hansel and Gretel" (Season Premiere) (N)	Great Performances at the Met "Hansel and Gretel" (Season Premiere) (N)	California Dreamin': Mamas and	California Dreamin': Mamas and	California Dreamin': Mamas and		
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Great Performances (N) O CC	Great Performances at the Met "Hansel and Gretel" (Season Premiere) (N)	Great Performances at the Met "Hansel and Gretel" (Season Premiere) (N)	Great Performances at the Met "Hansel and Gretel" (Season Premiere) (N)	Great Performances at the Met "Hansel and Gretel" (Season Premiere) (N)	Charlie Rose (N) O CC	Charlie Rose (N) O CC	Charlie Rose (N) O CC		
WHUT (32)	Moneytrack O	Tavis Smiley O	BBC World News	Moneywise	Tim Janis: An Enchanted Evening O CC	Piano Guy CC	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley O	Charlie Rose (N) O CC	Charlie Rose (N) O CC	Charlie Rose (N) O CC		
WDCW (50)	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	America's Next Top Model (N) CC	Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious O	Friends O CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Sex and the City	
BASIC CABLE													
A&E	Cold Case Files CC	CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi" O CC	CSI: Miami "Come As You Are" O	CSI: Miami "Backstabbers" O CC	CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs" O CC	CSI: Miami "Throwing Heat" CC	CSI: Miami "Throwing Heat" CC	CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs" O CC	CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs" O CC	CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs" O CC	CSI: Miami "Internal Affairs" O CC	Tonight Show	
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC	Profiles of Nature CC	Wild Kingdom	Wild Kingdom	Big Cat Diary (Season Premiere) (N)	Animal Cops Detroit CC	Wild Kingdom						
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Teyana Taylor. (N) CC	Access Granted	College Hill	Iron Ring CC	Black Poker Stars	The Wire McNulty turns down a promotion. O CC	Malcolm & Eddie						
Bravo	Top Chef "Finals" (Part 1 of 2) CC	Top Chef "Finale" CC	Top Chef CC	Top Chef "Zoo Food" CC	Top Chef A neighborhood fiesta. (N)								
Comedy	(5:00) "Grilled" (2006) Ray Romano.	Scrubs O CC	Scrubs O CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Futurama CC	South Park CC	South Park (N)	Lewis Black	Daily Show	Colbert Report		
Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC	Cops O CC	Cops O CC	Most Shocking (N)	Most Daring "Seconds to Live" (N)	Disorder in the Court II	Disorder in the Court II	Disorder in the Court II	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files		
Discovery	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab CC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Futureweapons "Kill Zone" (N)	MythBusters Time-honored sayings.	Smash Lab "CO2 Cop Car" (N)	Smash Lab "CO2 Cop Car" (N)	MythBusters "Jet Pack" CC	MythBusters "Jet Pack" CC	MythBusters "Jet Pack" CC		
DISCH	Code Blue "One Day at a Time"	Trauma: Life in the ER CC	Trauma: Life in the ER CC	Trauma: Life in the ER "Miraculous"	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills CC	Sex Change "Her to Him" CC	Sex Change "Her to Him" CC	Sex Change "Her to Him" CC	Trauma: Life in the ER "Miraculous"	Trauma: Life in the ER "Miraculous"	Trauma: Life in the ER "Miraculous"		
Disney	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001) Ryan Merriman. O CC	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody		
E!	Kardashians	Chelsea Lately	E! News	The Daily 10	Byte Me: 20 Hottest Women of the Web	Pop Fiction	Soup Presents	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)	Chelsea Lately (N)	Chelsea Lately (N)		
FX	(5:30) ★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005) Action Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette. A sexy partyer clashes with her serious-minded sister.		
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Family	8 Simple Rules O	8 Simple Rules O	★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan. Reunited twin girls try to get their parents back together. CC	8 Simple Rules O	8 Simple Rules O								
History	Modern Marvels: Hunting Gear CC	Modern Marvels: Corn CC	Modern Marvels: Carbon CC	Modern Marvels: Carbon CC	MonsterQuest "Swamp Beast" CC	UFO Hunters "UFO Vortexes" (N)	UFO Hunters "UFO Vortexes" (N)	UFO Hunters "UFO Vortexes" (N)	UFO Files Other-planet visitors. CC	UFO Files Other-planet visitors. CC	UFO Files Other-planet visitors. CC	UFO Files Other-planet visitors. CC	
Lifetime	Reba O CC	Reba O CC	Still Standing O	Still Standing O	Reba "Sister Act" O	Reba O CC	"The Perfect Child" (2007, Drama) Rebecca Budig, Lochlyn Munroe. CC	"The Perfect Child" (2007, Drama) Rebecca Budig, Lochlyn Munroe. CC	Will & Grace O	Will & Grace O	Will & Grace O	Will & Grace O	
MTV	The Hills O	Rob & Big O	Rob & Big O	Rob & Big O	Making the Band 4 "Finale" O	The Hills O	Real World -- Road Rules Challenge	Real World -- Road Rules Challenge	The X Effect (N)	The X Effect (N)	The X Effect (N)	The X Effect (N)	
NICK	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh O	Zoey 101 CC	Zoey 101 CC	SpongeBob	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez O	George Lopez O	George Lopez O	George Lopez O	George Lopez O	
SCIIFI	Stargate SG-1 "2010" O CC	Ghost Hunters Haunted restaurant. O	Ghost Hunters "Hell-Fire Caves" O	Ghost Hunters "Hell-Fire Caves" O	Ghost Hunters "The Fear Cage" (N)	Destination Truth Sea monster. (N) O	Destination Truth Sea monster. (N) O	Ghost Hunters "The Fear Cage" O	Ghost Hunters "The Fear Cage" O	Ghost Hunters "The Fear Cage" O	Ghost Hunters "The Fear Cage" O	Ghost Hunters "The Fear Cage" O	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	UFC Unleashed O	UFC Unleashed O	UFC Unleashed O	UFC Unleashed O	Pros vs. Joes O CC	Pros vs. Joes O CC	Pros vs. Joes O CC	Pros vs. Joes O CC	
TBS	Friends O CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	House of Payne	Friends O CC	Friends O CC					
TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	Jon & Kate Plus 8	Jon & Kate Plus 8									
TNT	Law & Order "Blood Money" O	Law & Order "A Losing Season" O	Law & Order "C.O.D." CC (DVS)	Law & Order "C.O.D." CC (DVS)	★ "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. CC	Destination Truth Sea monster. (N) O	Destination Truth Sea monster. (N) O	Destination Truth Sea monster. (N) O	Cold Case "Mind Hunters" O CC	Cold Case "Mind Hunters" O CC	Cold Case "Mind Hunters" O CC	Cold Case "Mind Hunters" O CC	
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	★★★ "Eight Below" (2006, Adventure) Paul Walker, Bruce Greenwood. CC	★★★ "Eight Below" (2006, Adventure) Paul Walker, Bruce Greenwood. CC	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O				
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SPORTS													
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Boston Celtics. From TD Banknorth Garden in Boston. CC	High School Basketball All-American Game -- East vs. West. From Milwaukee. CC	High School Basketball All-American Game -- East vs. West. From Milwaukee. CC	High School Basketball All-American Game -- East vs. West. From Milwaukee. CC	High School Basketball All-American Game -- East vs. West. From Milwaukee. CC	High School Basketball All-American Game -- East vs. West. From Milwaukee. CC	High School Basketball All-American Game -- East vs. West. From Milwaukee. CC	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
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CSN	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Columbus Blue Jackets. (Live)	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Seattle Sonics. (S Live)	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Seattle Sonics. (S Live)	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Seattle Sonics. (S Live)	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Seattle Sonics. (S Live)	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Seattle Sonics. (S Live)	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Seattle Sonics. (S Live)	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Seattle Sonics. (S Live)	
NEWS													
CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	
FNC	Special Report CC	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor CC	Hannity & Colmes CC	On the Record-Van Susteren	On the Record-Van Susteren							
MSNBC	Race for White House-David Gregory	Hardball CC	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Verdict With Dan Abrams	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Countdown With Keith Olbermann							
AMC	(5:00) ★★ "Silverado" (1985, Western) Kevin Kline. PG-13 CC	★ "Death Wish 4: The Crackdown" (1987, Drama) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	★ "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) Charles Bronson. R CC	
TCM	(5:45) ★★ "Sands of Iwo Jima" (1949, War) John Wayne. NR CC	★★ "The Tunnel" (1935) Richard Dix. Premiere. NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	(45) ★★ "The Most Dangerous Game" (1932) NR	
HBO	* "The Adventures of Pluto Nash"	★★ "The Break-Up" (2006) Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston. O PG-13 CC	In Treatment O	In Treatment O	In Treatment O	In Treatment O</td							

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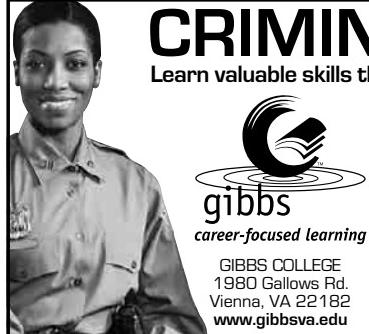
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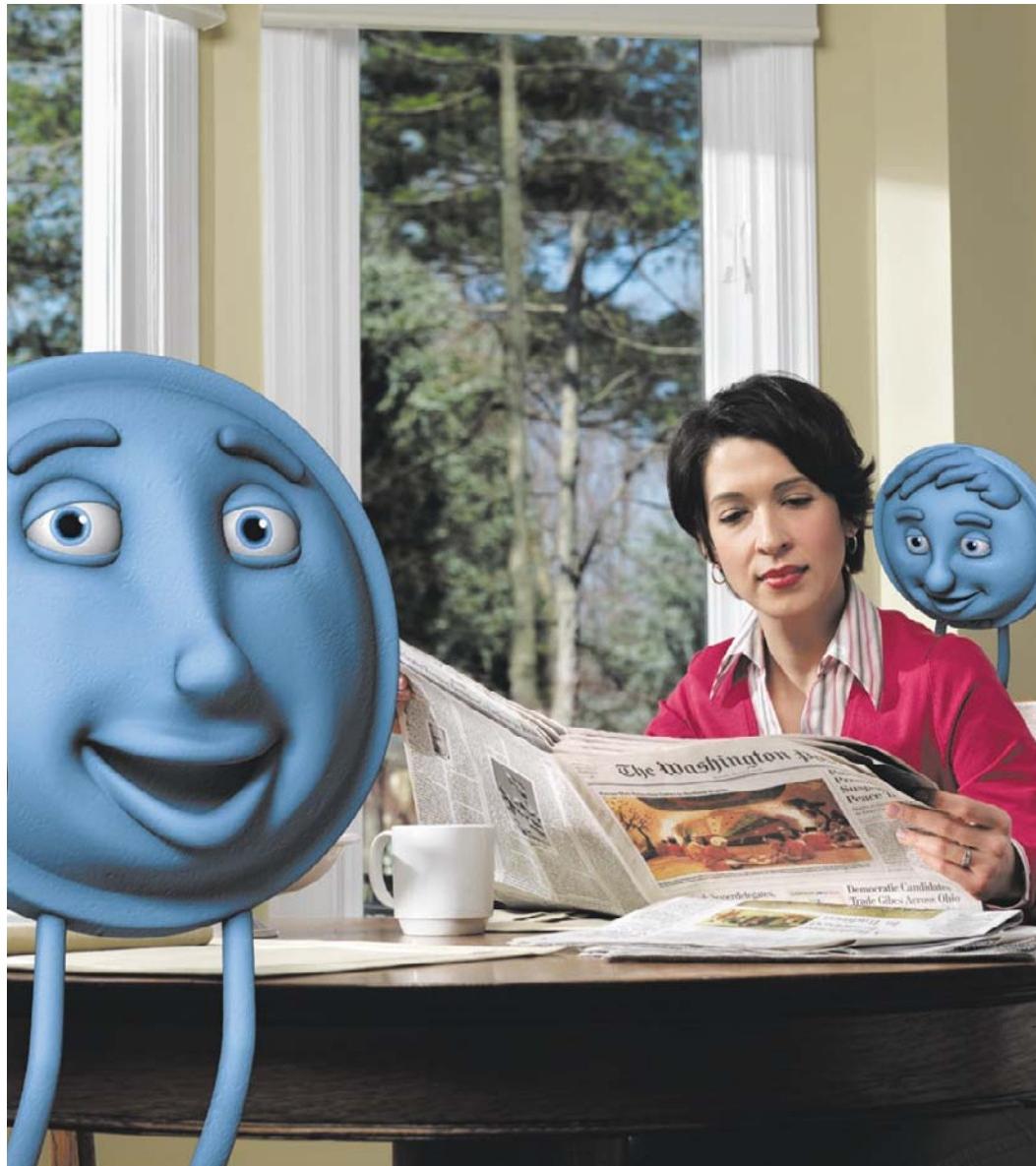
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China, having traded socialism for capitalism, is emerging as an economic power, perhaps the only one that could rival U.S. dominance in the 21st century. For a new generation of students, business people and even artists, the land of opportunity now lies to the East, not the West.

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Worldwide, about 40 million people are learning Mandarin, China's official spoken language and its most common dialect. Nearly 100,000 foreigners went to China to study Mandarin in 2006, more than twice the number of five years earlier.

"In my generation, the U.S. was the first choice," said Ho, whose Taipei Language Institute now boasts 2,400 students at 16 branches. This generation "thinks their future is in China. ... My friends encourage their children to go to China."

The rise of the Middle Kingdom has parallels with America in the last century, when it attracted

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people from around the world, said James McGregor, author of the book "One Billion Customers: Lessons From the Front Lines of Doing Business in China."

"This is a continental-sized economy being built from scratch," he said. McGregor, a former journalist who runs a business consulting firm in Beijing, advises those who want to head to China to bring an open mind, a sense of adventure and an appreciation for the absurd.

The other key to making it is solid language skills.

"If you're going to be an entrepreneur, you need to sink into the culture," he said. "Any 20-year-old American thinking of doing

business in China one day and not thinking of learning Mandarin is not thinking."

America has been infected by China fever. At U.S. colleges, the

number of students studying Mandarin jumped 51 percent between 2002 and 2006 to 51,600, according to a Modern Language Association survey. The increase is significant, although many more students — 800,000 — still study Spanish.

Mandarin's rise is a message that 26-year-old musician Skot Suyama from Seattle has taken to heart.

Suyama, whose boyish looks hint at his mixed heritage — half Swedish, half Japanese — has spent the last few years in Hong Kong and Taiwan, creating a mix of hip-hop, pop and grunge music. His skills are in demand because there are fewer people in the region trained in producing music than in the U.S.

With only rudimentary Chinese, he penned the lyrics for "Duibuqi, Xiexie" ("Sorry, Thank You") a few years ago, which became a big hit for Hong Kong pop singer Eason Chan in mainland China. However, Suyama has held off diving headlong into the Chinese music scene, in part because laws protecting music copyright and guaranteeing royalties are simply not enforced.

Plus, like many others, he's still learning Chinese. TINI TRAN (AP)

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JAMES MCGREGOR, AUTHOR



Playtime Unplugged

Leisure

Overstimulated kids can benefit from time without technology

Does your teen turn on the sarcasm when she's kicked off the computer? Is your grade-schooler asking for more quality time with the TV?

It could be your kids are over-programmed and overstimulated in these hectic, wired times, and your family could stand to be unplugged. Tossing the electronics, if only temporarily, provides your kids with something in short supply — your undivided attention.

So, nix the phone, shut down the computer and turn off the television for a "family slowdown." It may be difficult to find the time, but it's worth it, said Susan Linn, author of the new book "The Case for Make Believe: Saving Play in a Commercialized World."

"Remember that your child is going to be grappling with elec-



JOSH REYNOLDS/JAP

Harvard psychiatry instructor Susan Linn plays with her granddaughter, Marley.

tronic media and the things it sells for the rest of their lives," said Linn, a psychiatry instructor at Harvard Medical School.

"They'll be better equipped to cope if they have lots of experience enjoying their own ability to

make things happen, using their own curiosity as an impetus for actively exploring the world."

Pamela Pensack, a working single mother of twin 12-year-old boys in Brooklyn, N.Y., couldn't agree more. She provided a virtu-

“Your child is going to be grappling with electronic media ... for the rest of their lives.”

SUSAN LINN, HARVARD PSYCHIATRY INSTRUCTOR

ally TV-free, computer-free life for her boys when they were younger and says she can see the benefits now that they're in sixth grade.

"They still play with action figures, interact on a creative level when their friends come over," said Pensack, a freelance writer and editor. "I give my kids little talks about some of their peers, about, 'Well, isn't it strange that all they can do is watch TV?' Peer pressure is big in middle school, and we do have a TV now, but the funny thing is, they don't even watch it."

On a recent rainy afternoon, my 8-year-old daughter and her twin friends from school made their own snack with an ice cream ball

they filled up with ingredients and rolled around on the living room rug. There was measuring, mixing, pounding ice cubes with a hammer and plenty of physical activity for the three girls and the twins' 10-year-old brother.

"It was nice because we got to pass it around and shake it. Everybody got a turn. Then we got to eat it!" said my daughter, a third-grader.

Of course, there are times when even the most attentive parents are grateful to the creators of DVDs and video recorders. But quieter activities that kids can do mostly themselves with exhausted grown-ups nearby can replace electronic baby sitters.

Dig into the desk for rubber bands and have them start a rubber band ball. Teach them old-fashioned hand string games, get them to think up a story and draw their own illustrations to go with it, pack travel puzzle books with enough variety to keep fresh on the road, or suggest origami that encourages kids to be inventive.

Whatever suits your family, Linn urges parents to start young. In good weather, a family hike in the woods or a walk around the neighborhood can clear everybody's heads and provide a quieter outdoor alternative to noisy and chaotic playgrounds. LEANNE ITALIE (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



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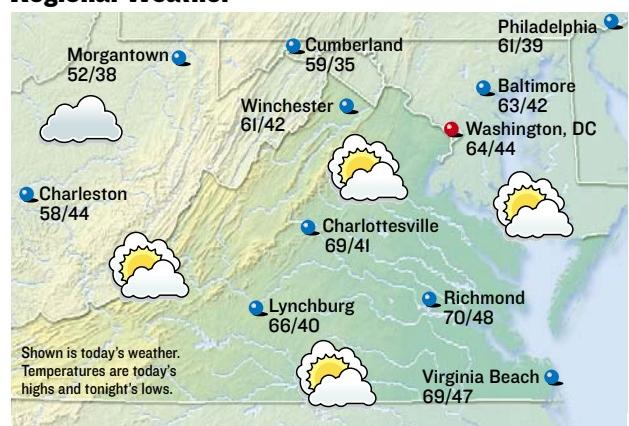


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Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	53°
Low	34°
Normal high	59°
Normal low	40°
Average humidity	37%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	2.75"
Normal month to date	2.95"
Year to date	8.29"
Last year to date	7.87"
Normal year to date	8.90"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly

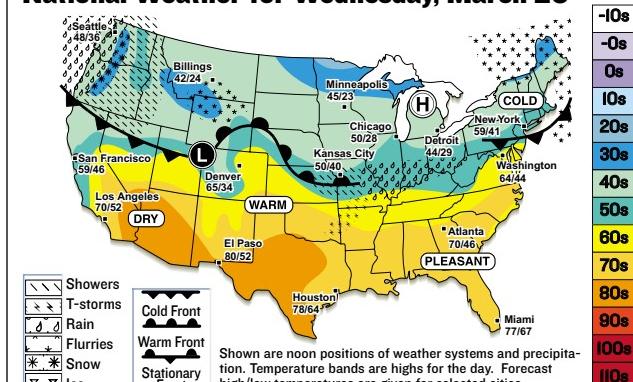
sunny. High 64. Wind west 8-16 mph. Tonight, becoming cloudy. Low 44. Winds east-southeast 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:02 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:26 p.m.
Moonrise today none
Moonset today 9:06 a.m.

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National Weather for Wednesday, March 26



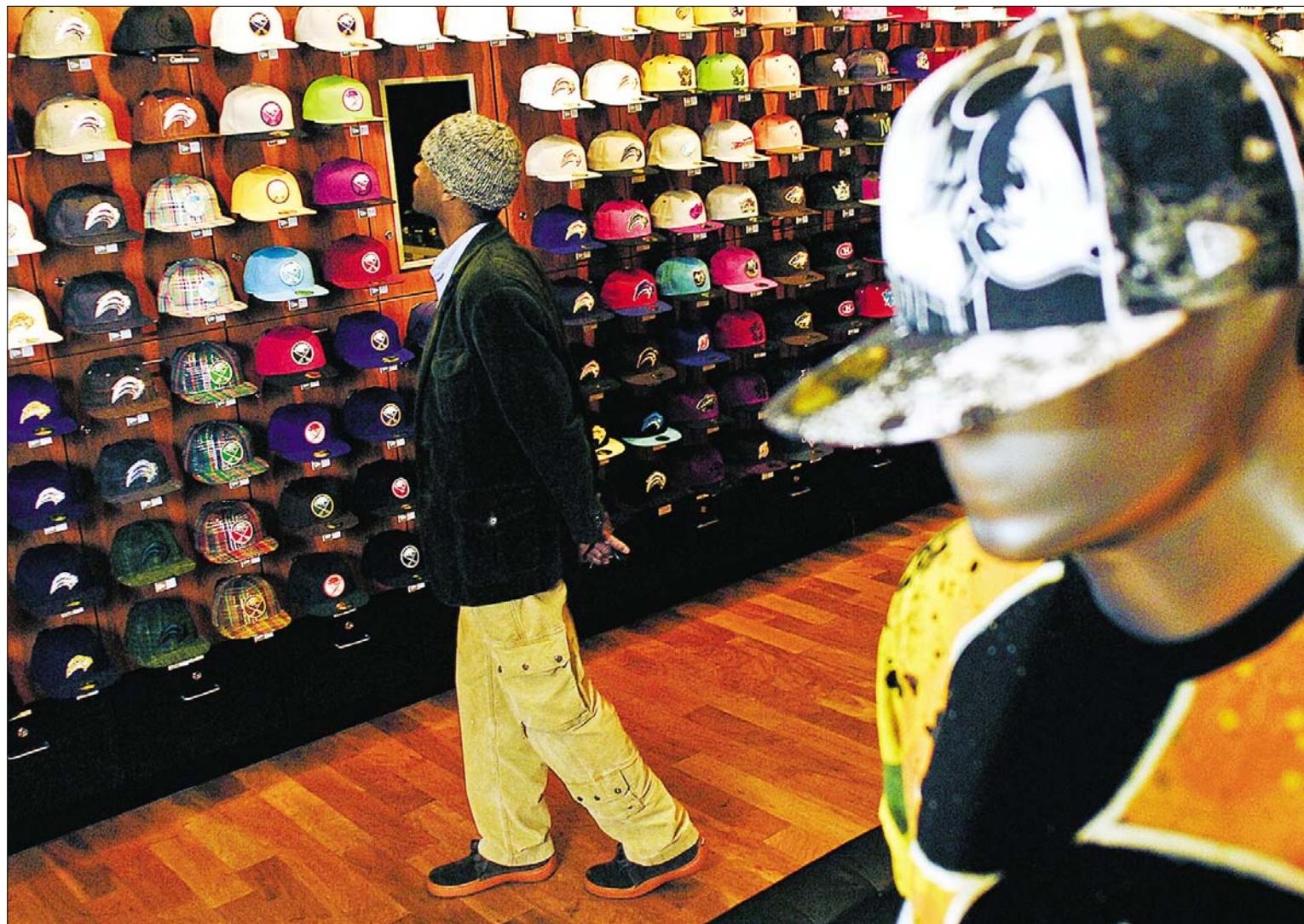
National Cities

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Atlanta	70/46/pc	74/53/s	Amsterdam	45/37/c	46/40/pc
Boston	53/35/pc	50/30/r	Athens	61/50/pc	61/52/r
Chicago	50/28/pc	43/30/sn	Berlin	41/28/sn	45/30/pc
Dallas	79/62/c	84/62/pc	Buenos Aires	81/63/t	79/64/pc
Denver	65/34/pc	57/27/c	Calgary	39/13/pc	32/17/sf
Honolulu	83/70/pc	83/71/s	Dublin	46/37/sh	48/41/pc
Los Angeles	70/52/pc	68/52/s	Geneva	44/38/c	42/28/r
Miami	77/67/pc	80/68/pc	Moscow	39/30/pc	37/27/sn
New York City	59/41/pc	49/35/r	Rome	57/41/pc	59/41/sh
Orlando	76/57/s	80/60/s	Sydney	77/63/c	73/61/pc
Seattle	48/36/sh	47/37/sh	Tokyo	57/50/sh	59/48/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Styles

LOOK out



Put a Lid On It

New Era taps into hat-wearing style and personality

Hey, you — with the baseball cap.

That hat's saying a lot about you. Is the visor curled or flat? Does it sit straight on or backward, or is it cocked to the side? Does it bear a classic team logo or something less traditional, maybe a skull with wings?

You can bet they're paying attention at New Era Cap Co., the company that may have made that hat. And with a glance at your lid, they can tell who you are — including what you'll be wearing next.

The designers at New Era keep a close eye on the fashion trends from their little corner of New York. (No, not that corner. Further

west, in Buffalo.)

There are 30 designers at New Era Cap Co.'s headquarters who are in constant touch with 15 colleagues in London and five in Irvine, Calif., to come up with new ways to keep the ubiquitous baseball cap fresh and in demand.

Yes, New Era supplies all the official on-field caps for Major League Baseball. But that's only part of the 35 million caps sold by this family-owned, 88-year-old company last year.

The huge design team launches about 500 new products each year over five fashion seasons: two for spring, two for fall and one for the holidays. That means countless color

FIND YOUR TRUE COLOR: A shopper looks at the selection at a New Era retail store in Buffalo, N.Y.

and pattern combinations, with fabrics including silk, cashmere, chiffon, denim and snakeskin.

By far, the most popular style of cap is the 59Fifty, the fitted on-field cap worn by everyone from big leaguers to Spike Lee. Last year, 77 percent of New Era caps sold were 59Fiftys — which is a product number that dates to the 1930s.

The 59Fifty, which retails for \$32, tends to be easy to spot. A lot of wearers leave the product sticker on the uncurled brim. In more urban, fashion-forward circles, it's just not cool to remove it.

A more traditional guy might go for a stretch fit, peel the stick-

ers off and get right to work curling the visor. (Spritz it with water, put a rubber band on it and stick it in a coffee cup.)

According to Gina Goss, New Era's women's product development manager, your choice in cap is a dead giveaway for the rest of your wardrobe.

"You can tell where they shop, what kind of car they drive, what kind of sneakers they wear," she said.

Try this: If you're wearing the 59Fifty, visor flat but backward, you may be an aspiring or pro skateboarder. Hot pink and glittery? You're probably a Texas girl.

If your cap is made from what looks like a comfy gray T-shirt, you're probably home in the Northeast. Does the pattern play to your Gucci handbag or Pucci scarf? You're probably a New York City or Toronto trendsetter who will be looking for something simpler next season.

As for team logos, the Yankees outsell three to one, but Boston's up-and-coming. CAROLYN THOMPSON (AP)

Beauty



She's Still Got Sheen

It is fitting that, just as **DENISE RICHARDS** drops the surname "Sheen," we write about the lipstick, named after her daughter with said Sheen that she developed with Cargo. **ANGIE HARMON** and **KIM RAVER** also got to pick shades, and the result is three new eco-friendly PlantLove lipsticks. "Sam," by Denise, is a lustrous brickred, perhaps the hue Charlie's face turns when he thinks of Ms. Richards. Like previous PlantLoves, the boxes will sprout wildflowers if planted. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Food



Noshin' Nominations

When it comes to local chefs, any foodie will pretend he or she knows Jose Andres, above, and Michel Richard on a first-name basis. (Heck, foodies probably named their first-borns after 'em). So, it's not surprising that the recent **JAMES BEARD AWARDS** nominations (think Oscars of the culinary world) tagged Andres for Outstanding Chef (Minibar), Richard got a nod for Best New Restaurant (Central Michel Richard) and Johnny Monis is up for Rising Star Chef of the Year (Komi). Winners are announced June 8. Chop to it, boys! KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

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COMICS

Graphic Novel Gold

Gene Yang's graphic novel, "American Born Chinese," was nominated for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature in 2006—an honor rarely bestowed on comic books. Scott Rosenberg spoke with Yang, who will sign copies of the book at Big Planet Comics in Bethesda on Wednesday. | COMING UP



MUSIC

Dance-Pop Jambalaya

Mass Shivers, performing Wednesday at the Red and the Black, splice demented phrases of funk with dance-pop, then mix in a traditional rock vocabulary and punctuate the whole thing with Afro-beats. Christopher Correa talked to guitarist Brett Sova. | COMING UP



ENTERTAINMENT

SXSW D.C.

Katherine Silkaitis spent a week in Austin for America's foremost rock fest—and so did some of D.C.'s finest bands. Exit Clov, Le Loup, Olivia and the Housemates, Jukebox the Ghost and These United States told her their tales of Texas. | COMING UP

comment board

“Yes. But it won’t be if we raise the white flag of liberalism in an effort to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.”

COMMENTER RG, WHO ADDED, “IT’S GOING TO BE WORTH MORE TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE... BUT WE ARE ALWAYS BETTER OFF WHEN THE WORLD HAS ONE LESS NUTCASE WITH AN ARMY.”



“Their worth is not measured by a president nor by the media. We, the American people, will ultimately determine the value of those 4,000 by our conduct and accomplishments.”

COMMENTER JOHN D, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY’S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “HAS THE WAR IN IRAQ BEEN WORTH THE LIVES OF 4,000 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL?”

poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

HAS THE WAR IN IRAQ
BEEN WORTH THE LIVES
OF 4,000 U.S. MILITARY
PERSONNEL?

79%
NO **21%**
YES

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“How do you explain the fact that this fellow with the robotic voice is consistently putting out the catchiest radio hits around?”

LISTENTOLEON.NET DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW RECORDING ARTIST T-PAIN CONTINUES TO TOP THE CHARTS, ADDING “[HE] HAS CLEARLY MADE A PACT WITH SATAN.”



“WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

between a regular American basement and a special English basement? Accommodations-wise, I have no clue, but the former is clearly more patriotic than the latter, meaning I'll see “English basements” in hell.”

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“I'LL TELL YOU HOW I would enjoy an \$8 chocolate bar: while running, because I must have stolen it.”

BLOG.URBANBOHEMIAN.COM DID NOT NEED THE HELP OF THE INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR WHOLE FOODS' NEW EXOTIC CHOCOLATE OFFERINGS.

“HER QUEST TO REPLACE

George W. Bush, easily one of the most dishonest presidents in American history, appears to be based on nothing more than a strategy of replacing one liar with another.”

CAPITOLHILLBLUE.COM FINDS HILLARY CLINTON DISHONEST AFTER HER “EXAGGERATED CLAIMS OF BEING UNDER FIRE IN BOSNIA.”



“Does anyone else find this picture of Bush ... disturbing? It looks like he's enjoying the death grip he has on the bunny's paw.”

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Discussions

Nationals Park

Posttransportation writers **ERIC WEISS**, **LENA SUN** and **DR. GRIDLOCK** were online Tuesday to talk about Nationals Park and the best way to get there.

City slickers are having no problem telling us country bumpkins our only option is “Take the Metro.” Don’t the Nationals realize the majority of fans purposely don’t live near a Metro station? Are there plans to expand parking options for those who aren’t season-ticket holders and who aren’t millionaires?

Ever been to Wrigley or Fenway? That’s the experience baseball people want these days. The days of baseball parks surrounded by an island of parking in some suburb is over.

Will there be a taxi stand at Nationals Park? I’m sure a lot of people will get frustrated with the long lines on the Metro and will want to take a cab ride to, say, Metro Center, etc. Have the Nats considered running buses to other points besides RFK, i.e. other Metro stations?

The taxi stand will be on the east side of Half Street, between M and K streets SE. Remember, though, that your taxi will pull out onto the same streets the other motor-

ing fans are trying to use around the stadium.

Is there not a handicapped shuttle from RFK? Looks like any other solution equates to five blocks of walking.

Some of the Nats Express free shuttles from RFK’s Lot 8 will be handicapped accessible, but not all of them. And they all go to the same drop-off point, at 300 M St. SE, across from the U.S. DOT offices. I believe we do not yet have an ideal solution on handicapped access.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post business columnist Steven Pearlstein discusses the XM-Sirius merger at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

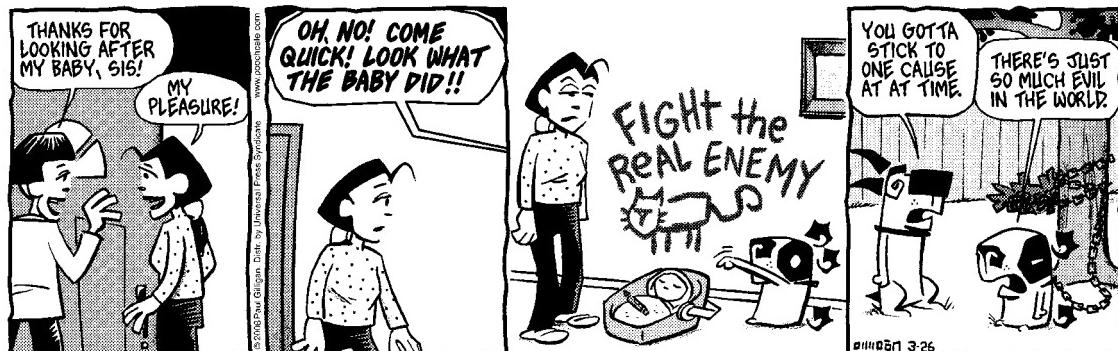
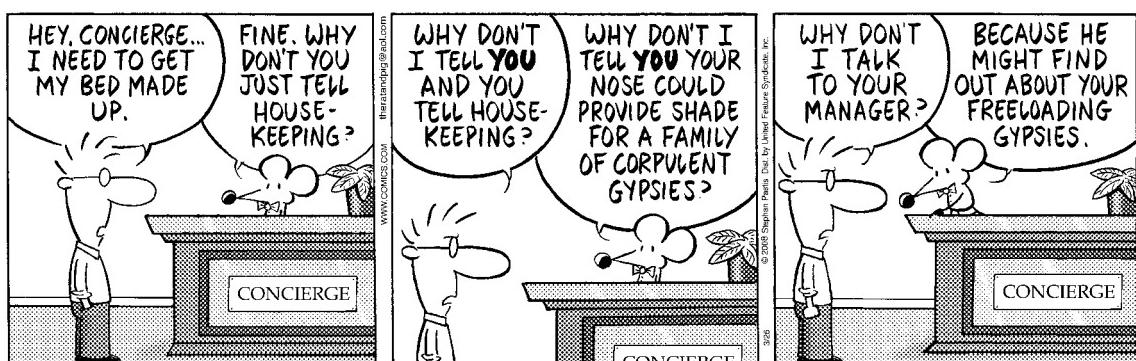


ENJOY THE DMV, VIRGINIA. Gov. Tim Kaine on Tuesday signed a bill passed this year that sets up procedures for returning money collected by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The Department of Motor Vehicles will return the 1 percent initial registration fee on new vehicles.

LOOK out

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

"Of course, the base price doesn't include the many upgrades available."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is no time for houseguests; you want to feel as though you can turn to your own home for escape and solitude. Plans may have to change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll enjoy a little more freedom than expected. Take the opportunity to explore some private interests with more attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What begins as a mild flirtation must always be kept under control, or you're likely to find yourself in over your head before long.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will very likely be racing against the clock before the day is out, and be sure that you are neither hesitant nor careless.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Are you ready for a challenge? You can be sure that before this day is out you'll be facing something that demands the best from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Assume a casual air, even though you are pressed by a problem that simply won't go away.

In time, you'll see just what you have to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be specific in your requests and you'll likely receive much, if not all, of what you have asked for before the day is out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Speed is important, but so is accuracy. You don't want to head toward your goal so quickly that you end up missing the mark in the end.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) That which appears most threatening is likely to be a product of your own fears and insecurities at this time. Get away from old notions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A good way for you to re-establish proper focus at this time is to turn your attention to something else for the time being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) There is no real reason to feel threatened by anyone or anything. You are in a fine position to view the landscape with ease.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) This is a good day to try to combine travel plans with career maneuvering. Set up meetings, if you can, with those who can give you a boost.



Ground was broken for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C. on this day in 1982.

Today in History

Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director (David Lean) and Best Actor (Alec Guinness).

1982 Groundbreaking ceremonies take place in Washington for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

1827 Composer Ludwig von Beethoven dies in Vienna.
1892 Poet Walt Whitman dies in Camden, N.J.
1917 The Seattle Metropolitans become the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeat the Montreal Canadiens.
1958 "The Bridge on the River Kwai" wins seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director (David Lean) and Best Actor (Alec Guinness).

Look out People



Only he can hear his own ego's growth.

TRANSLATION

**'Name a Street for Me
And We'll Call It Even'**

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE has made two separate donations of \$100,000 each to the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum and the Memphis Music Foundation. The 27-year-old area native, who was in Memphis for the filming of the independent movie "The Open Road," presented the checks to the two groups last week at the museum. (AP)

**BEWARE**

Don't Stalk Fierce

A man charged with stalking Tyra Banks has been ordered to stay away. Brady Green has allegedly followed Banks since January, sent her letters and tried to telephone her. Banks told police that his actions had caused her to think that she was in danger. (AP)

APHORISM

Every Small Victory Is a Key to Pride

DENISE RICHARDS

is officially rubbing the Sheen off her last name. The 37-year-old actress, whose bitter divorce from Charlie Sheen was finalized in 2006, won a judgment Friday to legally change her surname back to Richards. Richards and Sheen, 42, were married in 2002. She filed for divorce in



Denise is now 100-percent free of sheen.

March 2005, and then the couple reconciled. In January 2006, they filed legal papers asking a private arbitrator to handle their split. The couple has been embroiled in a custody battle since then over their two daughters, 3-year-old Sam and 2-year-old Lola. (AP)

LAWYERS

Settle This Like Men' Does Not Mean What It Used To

SEAN "DIDDY" COMBS has settled a lawsuit brought by a man who claims Combs punched him after a post-Oscar party outside a Hollywood hotel. Terms of the deal weren't disclosed in court papers posted Monday at TMZ.com. (AP)



You settle fights with signatures, money and attorneys, not fists.

Cross like your life depends on it.



*Use crosswalks.
Obey signals.
Look left, right, left.*

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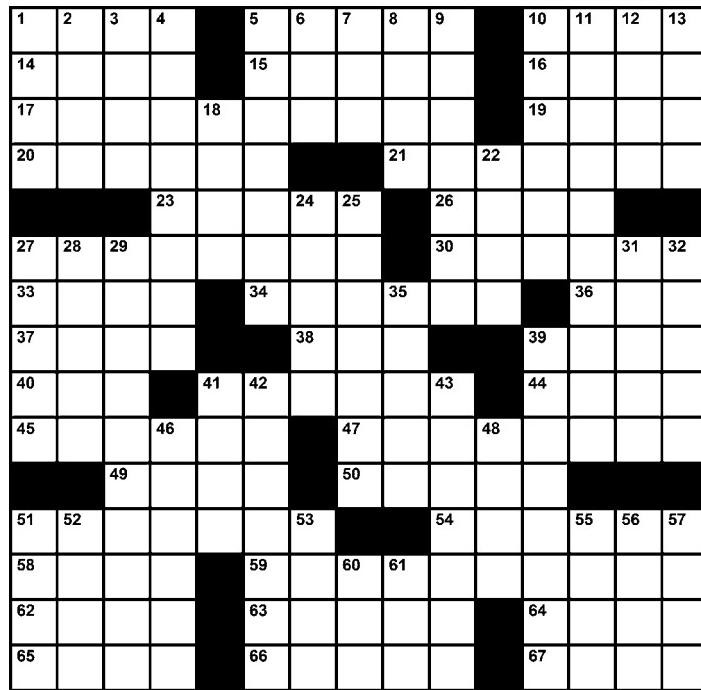
ACROSS

1 French clerical title
 5 Plants used in cooking
 10 "Let us know," on an invitation (Abbr.)
 14 Winner of five consecutive Wimbledons
 15 Visually teasing images
 16 Weighty Kuwaiti?
 17 Absurd notion, facetiously
 19 Carpentry groove
 20 Blunderbuss cleaner
 21 Abrades, in a way
 23 Vividly colored fish
 26 Waxing alternative
 27 Makeshift desk
 30 Button one's lip
 33 Fling with force
 34 Segal and Fromm
 36 Number in a million?
 37 Two-term presidents' tenures, e.g.
 38 ___ Khan
 39 Clive Cussler's ___ Gold"
 40 ___ chi ch'uan (Chinese exercise)
 41 Suck up
 44 Patricia, the Cookie in "Cookie's Fortune"
 45 Thing in the grass
 47 Old communication device
 49 Scott who sued for his freedom
 50 A Franklin innovation
 51 Painter's tool

54 Saintly Mother
 58 Canadian flag feature
 59 What to expect from comedians
 62 "Bravo!" elicit at the Met
 63 "All in the Family" character
 64 Gloucester guy
 65 Attempt to squeeze someone in?
 66 Get on with one's half-life?
 67 "Daddy Day Care" extras

DOWN

1 Shortened form, in shortened form
 2 Half of a Pacific island
 3 Stop pouring here
 4 Golden-brown appetizers
 5 Much-anticipated social event
 6 "Center" intro
 7 "Terrific," in '80s slang
 8 Fox or Bear appellation
 9 Fiercely loyal
 10 Scene of a famous part
 11 Good bettors follow it
 12 "La ___ Breve" (de Falla opera)
 13 Frigate's front
 18 Bad thing to abandon
 22 Sound units
 24 Bar mitzvah dances
 25 Samovar parts
 27 Angle symbol, in trig
 28 Enveloping glows
 29 Result of



a professor's departure?
 31 Open, as an aspirin bottle
 32 Proponent of positive thinking
 35 In proofing, it has a point
 39 Work together
 41 Caps Lock neighbor
 42 Like morning grass
 43 Marred by discolored spots
 46 1993 accord signer
 48 "... ___ after"

51 Simple headstone
 52 Where the Ucayali flows
 53 "Ticket to ___"
 55 Twice-heard sound
 56 It's played with less than a full deck
 57 Venomous varmints
 60 "Quoted verbatim"
 61 "H" on a frat sweater

Yesterday's Solution

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Need more Sudoku?
 Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Yesterday's Solution

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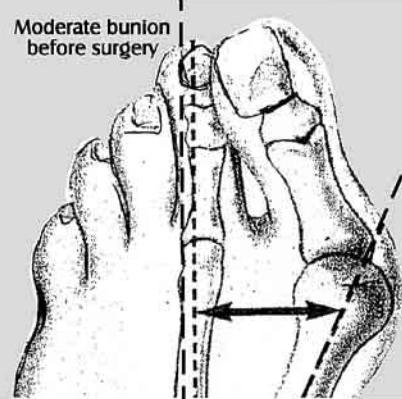
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NATIONALS PARK INAUGURAL SEASON

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Some said this day would never come. It may be hard to remember now, but few issues divided the city as fiercely as the fight to build a new ballpark for the Washington Nationals. Yet there it stands, completed

— a symbol of long-sought redevelopment along the Anacostia River.

As new businesses pop up in Southwest D.C., the Nationals

are set to continue their own rebuilding project, aiming

to field a winning team inside their new, state-of-the-art facility. The city and team

hope to grow together, with the

success of both tied to the

stadium. The journey

begins Sunday.

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GETTING THERE

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For those who insist on driving to the ballpark, the Washington Nationals will be offering a free round-trip shuttle from RFK Stadium to Nationals Park. Parking at RFK is free, and 50 luxury motor coaches will operate continuously from an hour and a half before game time through an hour and a half after the last inning. In theory, this could be a solid system for mitigating the ballpark's current parking problems. In practice, however, if 20,000 people choose to take advantage of the RFK parking lot, dealing with crowded shuttle buses could turn into a logistical nightmare, particularly with children. But, from the standpoint of fans, these bus rides could definitely enhance the group experience.



BIKERS WELCOME

Nationals Park will be biker-friendly, according to the team. There are more than 250 bike racks around the stadium. Also, riders can take advantage of Nationals Park's free bike valet, located in Red Garage C on N & 1st Streets SE. Access to the valet is on N Street just left of the entrance. The valet will be accepting bikes two hours before game time and will close one hour after the last inning.



Driver's Remorse

With just 5,000 spaces, parking at Nationals Park will be a nightmare. We have the best ways to get to the game on time.

METRO·BED LINE

THEY SAY: Take the Red Line to Union Station, where you have your choice of two options. A walk south down 1st Street to New Jersey Avenue will guide you straight to the ballpark. Also, Metrobus has ramped up service on the N22 line, which runs between Union Station and the Navy Yard station.

WE SAY: This is a good option, although taking a bus from Columbus Circle to the Navy Yard might not be any faster than a 25-minute walk during rush hour.

METRO: GREEN/YELLOW LINE

THEY SAY: You can head directly to the Navy Yard station, which is a two-minute walk from Nationals Park. The station will feature expanded turnstiles and will be exit-only at the Half Street exit before games and entrance-only after games.

WE SAY: Plan to get there early. The construction at the Navy Yard station could turn every game day into a debacle for fans new to the process. Walking from Waterfront-SEU is not a bad way to go, either.

METRO: ORANGE/BLUE LINE

THEY SAY: Take the train to Capitol South and walk 15 minutes down 1st Street to New Jersey Avenue toward the stadium.

WE SAY: If you aren't crunched for time, consider walking from Eastern Market or Potomac Avenue. It's a longer trip, but through a seemingly safer neighborhood. The 8th Street/Barracks Row entertainment options provide a nice pregame atmosphere during the walk.

DRIVING

THEY SAY: Take Metro. End of story.

WE SAY: Amen. Sort of. The D.C. Department of Transportation has issued parking restrictions for areas surrounding the ballpark and extending as far north as Independence Avenue. If you're considering a walk from any of the Orange or Blue line stations, parking near them and walking might be equally effective. Or you could take a chance on "bargaining" with an enterprising resident for a Zone 6 pass, allowing you to park in the restricted zone. CLINTON YATES (EXPRESS)



CONCESSIONS

Buy Me Fish Tacos and Chili Mac

Today's ballpark features a little more variety than what old-timers are used to — oh, and it's local, too.



MARGIE ELY/EXPRESS

Ben's famous half-smoke will now be available all over Nationals Park.

When the Nats take on the Braves on March 30, it won't be the only tense face-off in the stadium. Ben's Chili Bowl will go head to head (or is it chili dog to chili dog?) with Hard Times Cafe, as both local enterprises compete to bust your gut on game day. "I, personally, think Hard Times Cafe runs circles around Ben's Chili Bowl, with all due respect," says Hard Times director of marketing Doug Welsh. Oh, yeah? "Bring it on," says Ben's co-owner Nizam Ali. "I'm all for it." Ah, nothing like a friendly competition to get the stomach churning. But Ben's and Hard Times won't be the only local vendors competing for your dollars on game day. Fish tacos and smoothies now supplement the traditional ballpark fare. Here's a look at what the local vendors will provide.

KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

1 Ben's Chili Bowl (U Street)

Chili turkey dogs, chili cheese fries, chili cheeseburgers, half-smokes and, of course, chili (regular and veggie) will be offered at the Ben's stand on the third base side. "A lot of people have asked us to go to different places," says Ali. "This is not a small move for us. ... How do you duplicate history?" The atmosphere may be a little different than at the 50-year-old D.C. staple, but the chili cheese half-smokes will be the same. And those (but not the other chili products) will be available at 12 carts throughout the stadium.

2 Boardwalk Fries (Ocean City, Md.)

All the staples — chicken tenders, fries, beer, soda and peanuts — will be available at the stand in left-center field. "Ours are fresh-cut fries," says co-owner Fran DiFerdinando. "We're cutting potatoes right there. It's not a frozen product."



Hometown Helpings

Maybe it's because Stan Kasten is not from around here — or maybe the man who's traveled around to baseball stadiums for so long just gets it. But either way, the team has figured out that, in this transient city, there are going to be people who — gasp! — didn't grow up on Ben's. For them, the Nats will rotate through some traditional favorites: Cuban sandwiches when the Marlins are in town, Texas brisket for Astros fans, fried ravioli for the visiting St. Louis Cardinals and California sushi rolls for the L.A. Dodgers faithful, just to name a few.

3 Cantina Marina (Southwest D.C.)

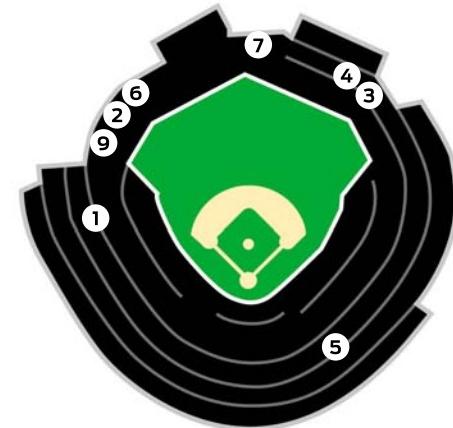
Cantina Marina will switch it up: Fish and shrimp tacos, and muffaletta in summer; gumbo during the chilly months. "The signature item is going to be a blackened crab-cake sandwich," says managing partner Richard Hemmer. "We're also doing a Cajun corn dog — which is a corn dog with a little of our spice on it." The restaurant is a short walk from the stadium. The food, though, will be in the club level of right-center field.

4 Five Guys (Alexandria, Va.)

When it comes to ordering from the successful local franchise, go big or go back to the bleachers. Single patties are not an option here, says director of communications Molly Catalano. "We have the regular hamburger, cheeseburger, bacon burger, bacon cheeseburger," she says. And "regular" means two helpings of beef with a choice of 15 toppings. Fries will be served in one size, and hot dogs will be offered in cheese and bacon dog variations. If the smell of sizzling beef doesn't give away their location, look for 'em next to Cantina Marina in right-center field.

5 Gifford's Ice Cream (Silver Spring, Md.)

The stadium's sweet spot will be this mini-ice cream parlor stationed between home and first. Twelve flavors of ice cream — from Swiss chocolate to peppermint stick — will be served in cones and cups. Milk shakes and caramels are also available. Try a novelty ice cream sandwich called "The Dinger," says co-owner Neal Lieberman. The grand slam will be sundaes served in red souvenir Nats helmets. "We're not sure if we'll have them on Opening Day," Lieberman says, "but we will have them." Suh-weet!



Locations for Mayorga Coffee (four carts throughout stadium) not shown.

6 Hard Times Cafe (Alexandria, Va.)

Look for all of the old favorites at Hard Times, which will provide chili dogs, nachos, wings, chili mac and Frito chili pie. "We're the old reliable," says Doug Welsh, whose stand will be in the left-center field food court. "We have a lot of loyal customers who are very happy to see us in venues like this."

7 Krazee Ice (Clinton, Md.)

In the center-field plaza, fans can find 31 flavors of New Orleans-style shaved ice — perfect for cooling off on those particularly hot D.C. summer days.

8 Mayorga Coffee (Rockville, Silver Spring, Md.)

There's beer and soda, water and lemonade, and then there's Mayorga, featuring lattes, cappuccinos, coffees, organic iced teas and smoothies (one flavor will be mango). "It's unique to have a hand-crafted latte at a park," says owner Martin Mayorga. "Our people will be coming out into the stands with iced tea and smoothies — those will be served right out of a jet pack. It will be cool and innovative." They will have four carts located at the suite level behind home plate, the first-base side club level, and the first- and third-base sides on the main level.

9 Noah's Pretzels (Gaithersburg, Md.)

Salt, plain, cinnamon and gluten and casein-free are all options. Pretzels not shaped in a Nationals' "W" are not. "I went on a Web site, saw the team logo and started playing with it," says owner Dwayne Herndon of the distinct shape. Herndon's 8-year-old son Noah — for which the business is named — has autism, and 10 percent of proceeds from the stand in the left-center field food court will benefit autism awareness.

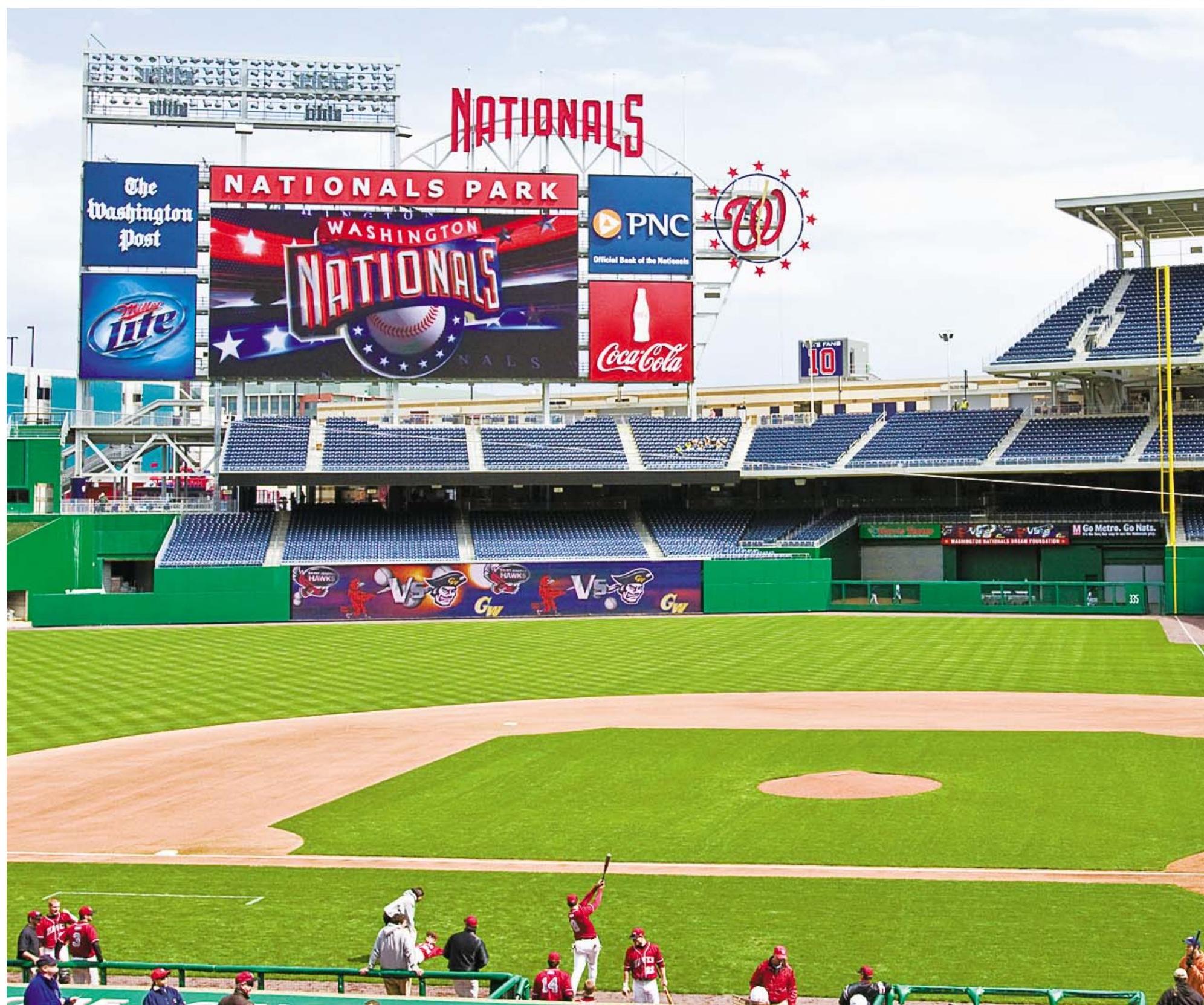
Seeing Red in Center Field

Beer belching and rowdy fans typically come to mind when you think of center field seats. Not so for the Nats. A \$65 ticket lands your rump in a cushy seat with complimentary in-seat service. You also get a \$20 credit toward food and booze that can be cashed in at the nearby Red Porch Restaurant and Red Loft Bar.



NATIONALS PARK INAUGURAL SEASON 2008

STADIUM SIGHTS



Scoreboard Watching

Measuring 4,811 square feet, the video board is the park's crown jewel.

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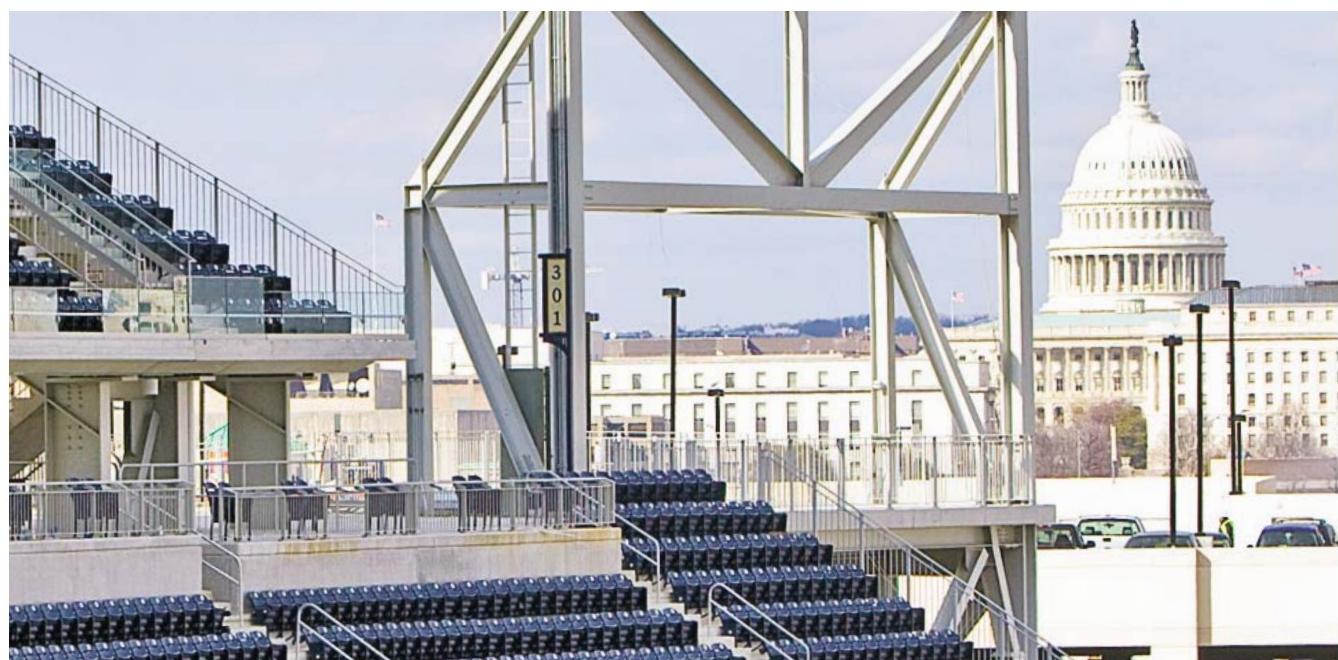
While not the largest in baseball (Atlanta and Arizona both have slightly more-ginormous boards), the 102-by-47 foot screen is certainly in the ballpark of MLB's biggest and best. With state-of-the-art video and audio equipment behind the huge screen, the Nationals see the center-field centerpiece as the key ingredient to an in-game experience — it will provide instant replays of the game's action and graphics throughout each contest. The out-of-town scoreboard sits directly below the board in right-center field, and LED boards line the stadium with scores and stats from the day's MLB action. MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)



STADIUM SIGHTS



A view of the center-field entrance, top right, which will feature cherry trees and a kids area, including a batter's cage, pitcher's cage, jungle gym and Sony PlayStation Pavilion. The Nationals "10th Man" can also gaze at the Anacostia River and the Capitol, but the dome is visible only from limited seats, and development may eventually block it even more.



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Want to get a good look at the stadium before heading down to Navy Yard? Check out our online photo gallery.



THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Hardball Hangouts

Sometimes the fun begins before the first pitch and ends well after the last out

Although the neighborhood directly around Nationals Park isn't quite Wrigleyville yet, the surrounding area provides quite a few food and drink options within a reasonable walk. We highlight some hangouts, including some on Capitol Hill and in the vibrant 8th Street corridor, to consider if you're looking for something to do before or after a ballgame.

CLINTON YATES (EXPRESS)

1 Hawk 'n' Dove

This popular political bar attracts Hill interns and staffers most nights, yet appeals to locals and tourists alike. The small outdoor seating section is perfect for summertime pregame or postgame drinking and socializing.

→ 329 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-543-3300

2 Banana Café

Banana Café doubles as a Cuban, Mexican and Puerto Rican café by day, and a fantastic piano bar by night. Buffet brunch will appeal to those looking to grab a bite before weekend daytime games.

→ 500 8th St. SE; 202-543-5906

3 The Ugly Mug

Located across from the Marine Corps barracks, this comfortable pub offers 24 beers on tap, as well as colorful menu items like fried calamari and country fried steak.

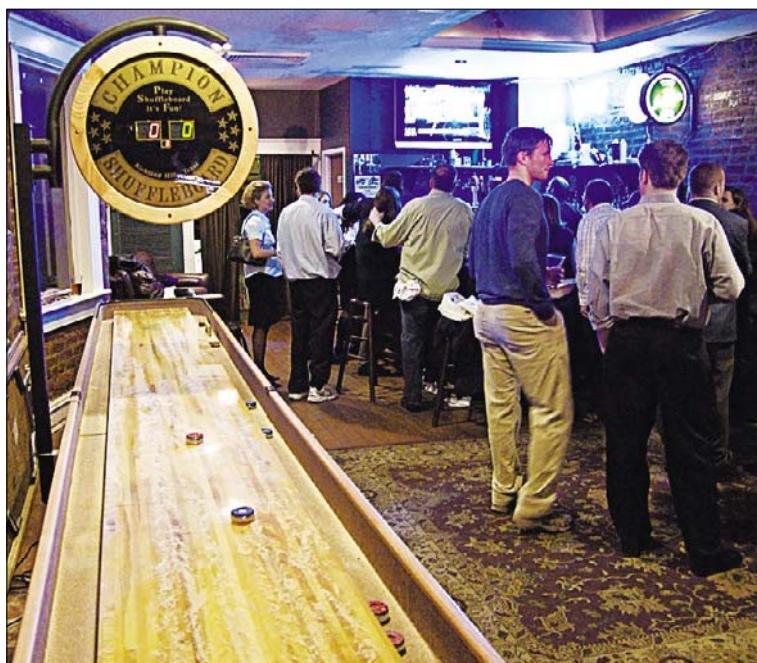
→ 723 8th St. SE; 202-547-UGLY

FINN MACCOOL'S

Housed in a soaring 19th-century structure, this Irish pub on Barracks Row draws longtime Capitol Hill residents and staffers at lunch

4 before a younger crowd moves in at night. Finns' snug upstairs is just big enough for a 20-foot shuffleboard table, a pool table and a foosball table. The menu concentrates on pub favorites like wings and burgers, as well as Irish staples like shepherd's pie and fish and chips.

→ 713 8th St. SE; 202-547-7100



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TRUSTY'S

An intimate neighborhood bar near RFK Stadium, Trusty's has been a favored haunt of D.C. United and Nationals supporters for some time. Although small, the menu offers a range of items off the grill; cheesesteaks, brats and burgers are the most popular, and chili and veggie burgers are also available. The bar's cozy vibe and the vast array of board games lends itself well to small groups looking to have fun.

→ 1420 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-547-1010



Stay Classy, Washington

Not all baseball fans enjoy peanuts and Cracker Jack. These posh dining choices should satisfy the epicurean needs of those with a more distinguished palate.

JORDAN'S 8

A trendy sushi and steak house featuring Asian cuisine and cocktails (seafood martinis!) in a sleek, elegant setting.

523 8th St. SE

LOCANDA

Formerly Meyhane, Locanda offers the spirit of the Mediterranean in an eco-friendly setting.

633 Pennsylvania Ave. SE

SONOMA

California cuisine with a lounge, warm fireplace and wine that does its name justice. 223 Pennsylvania Ave. SE

MONTMARTRE

A petit gout de France on Capitol Hill. Take your appetite along and tuck into French bistro classics like hanger steak and frites.

327 7th St. SE

CAFE 8

A nod to the owner's Turkish origins, the intimate Cafe 8 replaces Ellington's on Eighth and adds doner kebab, cigar borek and pide to the international flavor of the neighborhood. 424 8th St. SE

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TORTILLA COAST

Known as the Tex-Mex spot on Capitol Hill, this sizeable restaurant across the street from the Capitol South Metro station will likely be a popular destination for large groups going to and coming from Nationals Park. Located around the corner from the Library of Congress, you might even catch a glimpse of a politician or two while dining. Although considered famous for fajitas and margaritas, sandwiches and a kids menu are also available.

→ 400 First Street SE; 202-546-6768

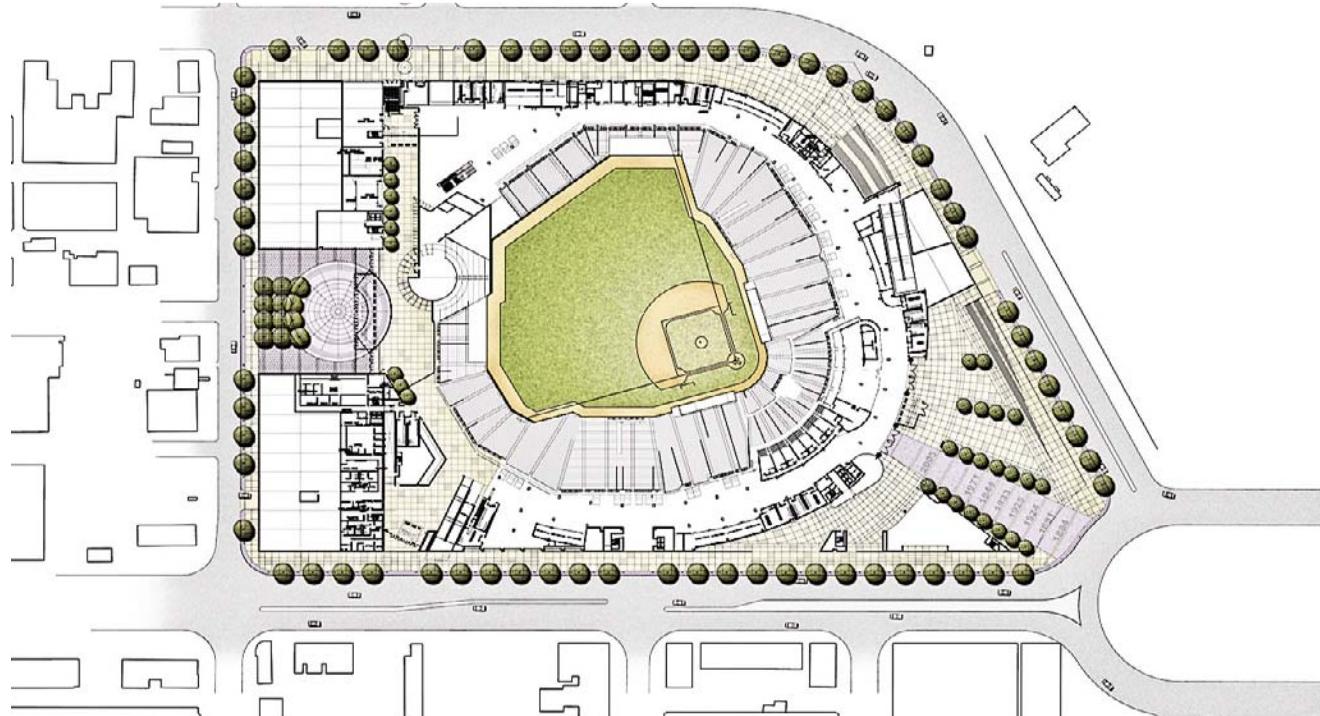




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“HOPEFULLY, IT’S GOING TO HELP OUR HITTERS, AND OUR PITCHERS WILL MAKE ADJUSTMENTS.”

— MANNY ACTA, MANAGER



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MUCH TO LIVE UP TO

AT THE CORNER OF GEORGIA AVENUE and W Street in Northwest, an important piece of the city's baseball history is easy to miss. On that spot, now the location of Howard University Hospital, once stood Griffith Stadium, above, the home of the Washington Senators from 1911 to 1961. Built quickly after a fire destroyed an earlier wood park on the site, Griffith Stadium hosted some of the game's greats—Ruth, Mantle, Aaron, Musial and Mays—and was the part-time home of the legendary Homestead Grays. The center-field wall was built at a 90-degree angle, jutting into the outfield, to bypass a property that refused to sell. "It was a neighborhood stadium," said local sports fixture Charlie Brotman, who was the stadium announcer at Griffith Stadium from 1956 to 1961. Brotman is impressed by Nationals Park. "Washington fans have never experienced this," he said. "They're in for a treat."

DUSTIN WEAVER (EXPRESS)

A Monumental Achievement

Not knowing which team would move into Nationals Park, the architects looked to D.C.'s famous landmarks for inspiration

When Helmut Obata & Kassabaum (HOK) was commissioned to work on Nationals Park, there was no such thing as the Washington Nationals.

Jim Chibnall, the lead architect, was working with the D.C. Sports and Entertainment Commission, but he didn't know who his ultimate boss would be or what that eventual boss would want.

But he and the rest of the HOK team fell in love with the city's historic monuments and wanted to translate their shapes to the stadium they were designing.

"The Washington Monument is a line; the Jefferson Memorial is a sphere; the Lincoln Memorial is a cube — so, those kinds of explorations really helped us," says Chibnall, who has worked on more than a dozen stadiums for HOK, most recently the new Busch Stadium in St. Louis. "We started drawing circles and triangles, and out of that came the result of the building. The seating

Going Green

When it opens, Nationals Park will be the first stadium in the country to get LEED certification, the U.S. Green Building Council's benchmark for green buildings. HOK used 20 percent recycled materials and installed high-efficiency field lighting for what it says will be a 21 percent savings in energy use — just a couple of the steps it took to get the certification.

bowl is really a circle in plan. The elevation along South Capitol, we looked at a series of rectangles and squares and certainly triangles there."

Other aspects of the city also played a big role in the stadium's design. Early in the project, Chibnall decided he wanted cherry blossoms as a part of the design, and he put them behind the seats in left field. That section of the outfield has no upper concourse and, instead, opens up to a view of the Capitol — at least for the sections whose views are not blocked by buildings or construction.

"I also like the various out-of-the-way places that offer you opportunities to see the city in the background," says Chibnall, who adds that if he had been able to make the "perfect" building, he would have tried to use more natural materials like limestone. "Certainly, the South Capitol ramp, the pedestrian ramp when you're going up to the upper concourse; it has a wonderful view of the Washington Monument." IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

BY THE NUMBERS

24 The number of feet below street level the field sits. Half of the crowd will walk to their seats without ever climbing stairs or ramps.

34,095 The capacity of Nationals Park, nearly 15,000 seats smaller than RFK Stadium.

41,888

The number of truckloads (equaling approximately 426,187 tons) of dirt excavated from the stadium site.

714

The number of watts, in thousands, used to light the stadium — equal to 11,900 60-watt light bulbs.

2.5

The number of hours it takes to mow the 100,000-square-foot field each game day.

66 The number of suites, all of which are named after either Washington, Jefferson or Lincoln. Teddy loosens again.

16x16x8

The size of bags permitted in the stadium. Food must be in single-serving bags within a soft bag or cooler.

NATIONALS PARK 2008 HOME GAMES

APRIL

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CHC	28	ATL	ATL				

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18	PHI	PHI	PHI	22	MIL	MIL	
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